

# NUMBERS

## *BEMIDBAR* *In The Wilderness*

**Y**ahweh spoke to Mosheh in the wilderness of Sinai, in the Tent of Meeting, on the First Day of the Second Moon, in the second year after they had come out of the land of Egypt, saying:

2 Take a census of all the congregation of the children of Israyl, by their clans and families, listing every man by name, man by man.

3 You and Aaron are to number, by their divisions, all the men in Israyl—from twenty years old and above—all those who are able to go to war for Israyl—

4 One man from each tribe is to help you; each one the head of his father's house.

5 These are the names of the men who shall stand with you, to assist you: from *the tribe of* Reuben, Elizur the son of Shedeur;

6 From *the tribe of* Simeon, Shelumiel son of Zurishaddai;

7 From *the tribe of* Yahdah, Nahshon son of Aminadab;

8 From *the tribe of* Issachar, Nethaneel the son of Zuar;

9 From *the tribe of* Zebulun, Eliab the son of Helon;

10 From the two tribes of Yahseph: from Ephraim, Elishama son of Ammihud; from Menasheh, Gamaliel son of Pedahzur;

11 From *the tribe of* Benyamin, Abidan the son of Gideoni;

12 From *the tribe of* Dan, Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai;

13 From *the tribe of* Asher, Pagiel the son of Ocran;

14 From *the tribe of* Gad, Eliasaph the son of Deuel;

15 From *the tribe of* Naphtali, Ahira the son of Enan.

16 These were the men chosen from the congregation, leaders of their ancestral tribes. They were the heads of the clans of Israyl.

17 Mosheh and Aaron took these men who had been called by name,

18 And they gathered all the congregation together on the First Day of the Second Moon. Each man individually indicated their ancestry by their clans and families. The men, twenty years old and upward were listed by name, one by one.

19 As Yahweh had commanded Mosheh, so he numbered them in the Wilderness of Sinai.

20 From the descendants of Reuben: (the firstborn son of Israyl) all the men twenty years old or more, who were able to go to war, were listed by name, man by man, according to the records of their clans and families;

21 Those *men* who were numbered of the tribe of Reuben, were 46,500.

22 From the descendants of Simeon: all the men twenty years old or more, who were able to go to war, were listed by name, man by man, according to the records of their clans and families;

23 Those *men* who were numbered of the tribe of Simeon, were 59,300.

24 From the descendants of Gad: all the men twenty years old or more, who were able to go to war, were listed by name, man by man, according to the records of their clans and families;

25 Those *men* who were numbered of the tribe of Gad, were 45,650.

26 From the descendants of Yahdah: all the men twenty years old or more, who were able to go to war, were listed by name, man by man, according to the records of their clans and families;

27 Those *men* who were numbered of the tribe of Yahdah, were 74,600.

28 From the descendants of Issachar: all the men twenty years old or more, who were able to go to war, were listed by name, man by man, according to the records of their clans and families,

29 Those *men* who were numbered of the tribe of Issachar, were 54,400.

30 From the descendants of Zebulun: all the men twenty years old or more, who were able to go to war, were listed by name, man by man, according to the records of their clans and families;

31 Those *men* who were numbered of the tribe of Zebulun, were 57,400.

32 From the two tribes of Yahseph: from the descendants of Ephraim: all the men twenty years old or more, who were able to go to war, were listed by name, man by man, according to the records of their clans and families;

33 Those *men* who were numbered of the tribe of Ephraim, were 40,500.

34 From the descendants of Menasheh: all the men twenty years old or more, who were able to go to war, were listed by name, man by man, according to the records of their clans and families;

35 Those *men* who were numbered of the tribe of Menasheh, were 32,200.

36 From the descendants of Benjamin: all the men twenty years old or more, who were able to go to war, were listed by name, man by man, according to the records of their clans and families;

37 Those *men* who were numbered of the tribe of Benjamin, were 35,400.

38 From the descendants of Dan: all the men twenty years old or more, who were able to go to war, were listed by name, man by man, according to the records of their clans and families;

39 Those *men* who were numbered of the tribe of Dan, were 62,700.

40 From the descendants of Asher: all the men twenty years old or more, who were able to go to war, were listed by name, man by man, according to the records of their clans and families;

41 Those *men* who were numbered of the tribe of Asher, were 41,500.

42 From the descendants of Naphtali: all the men twenty years old or more, who were able to go to war, were listed by name, man by man, according to the records of their clans and families;

43 Those *men* who were numbered of the tribe of Naphtali, were 53,400.

44 These were the men counted by Mosheh and Aaron and the twelve leaders of Israyl, each one representing his ancestors' house.

45 So all the sons of Israyl, twenty years old or more, who were able to go to war in Israyl, were counted according to their families.

46 The total number of all those *men* counted, were 603,550.

47 But the descendants of Levi were not numbered among <sup>G1</sup>them by their ancestor's tribe;

48 For Yahweh had spoken to Mosheh saying:

49 You must not count the tribe of Levi, nor include them among the census of the other children of Israyl.

50 You shall appoint the sons of Levi over the tabernacle of the Testimony, over all its furnishings, and everything belonging to it. They are to carry the tabernacle and all its furnishings, and they are to take care of it, and encamp around it.

51 Whenever the tabernacle is to move, the descendants of Levi are to take it down, and whenever the tabernacle is to be set up, the

descendants of Levi are to set it up. <sup>G2</sup>Anyone else who goes near it shall be put to death.

52 The children of Israyl are to set up their tents by divisions, each man in his own camp, everyone by his own standard.

53 But the tribe of Levi shall camp around the tabernacle of the Testimony, so that wrath will not <sup>G3</sup>fall on the congregation of the children of Israyl. The sons of Levi are to be responsible for the care of the tabernacle of the Testimony.

54 Thus the children of Israyl did according to all that Yahweh commanded Mosheh. So they did.

## CHAP. 2

**Y**ahweh spoke to Mosheh and Aaron, saying:

2 Everyone of the children of Israyl shall come under his own standard, beside the banner of his father's house. They shall camp some distance from the Tent of Meeting.

3 On the east side, toward the rising of the sun, the divisions of the camp of Yahdah are to encamp under this standard. The leader of the people of Yahdah is Nahshon son of Amminadab;

4 His division was numbered at 74,600.

5 The tribe of Issachar will camp next to *Yahdah*. The leader of the people of Issachar is Nethaneel son of Zuar;

6 His division was numbered at 54,400.

7 The tribe of Zebulun will be next to *Issachar*. The leader of the people of Zebulun is Eliab son of Helon;

8 His division was numbered at 57,400.

9 All the men assigned to the camp of Yahdah; from the tribes of Yahdah, Issachar, and Zebulun, numbered 186,400. These shall break camp, and set out first.

10 On the south will be the divisions of the camp of Reuben, under their standard. The leader of the tribe of Reuben is Elizur son of Shedeur;

11 His division was numbered at 46,500.

12 The tribe of Simeon will camp next to *Reuben*. The leader of the tribe of Simeon is Shelumiel son of Zurishaddai;

13 His division was numbered at 59,300.

14 The tribe of Gad will be camped next to *Simeon*. The leader of the tribe of Gad is Eliasaph son of Deuel;

15 His division was numbered at 45,650.

16 All the men assigned to the camp of Reuben; from the tribes of Reuben, Simeon, and Gad, numbered 151,450. They will break camp, and set out second.

17 Then the Tent of Meeting and the camp of the tribe of Levi will set out in the middle of the camps. They will set out in the same order

G2. Whoever is not of the tribe of Levi.

G3. By not having due respect for the Tabernacle of Yahweh.

G1. The Levites were not numbered for service in the army because they had been given to the service of the Tabernacle.

as they encamp, each in his own place, under his standard.

18 On the west will be the divisions of the camp of Ephraim, under their standard. The leader of the tribe of Ephraim is Elishama son of Ammihud;

19 His division was numbered at 40,500.

20 The tribe of Menasheh will be next to *Ephraim*. The leader of the tribe of Menasheh is Gamaliel son of Pedahzur;

21 His division was numbered at 32,200.

22 The tribe of Benjamin will be next. The leader of the tribe of Benjamin is Abidan son of Gideon;

23 His division was numbered at 35,400.

24 All the men assigned to the camp of Ephraim; from the tribes of Ephraim, Menasheh, and Benjamin, numbered 108,100. They will break camp, and set out third, *behind the Tent of Meeting and the tribe of Levi*.

25 On the north will be the division of the camp of Dan, under their standard. The leader of the tribe of Dan is Ahiezer son of Ammisaddai;

26 His division was numbered at 62,700.

27 The tribe of Asher will camp next to *Dan*. The leader of the tribe of Asher is Pagiel son of Ocran;

28 His division was numbered at 41,500.

29 The tribe of Naphtali will be next. The leader of the tribe of Naphtali is Ahira son of Enan;

30 His division was numbered at 53,400.

31 All the men assigned to the camp of Dan; from the tribes of Dan, Asher, and Naphtali, numbered 157,600. They will break camp and set out last, under their standards.

32 These are the ones who were numbered of the children of Israyl, according to their fathers' houses. All those in the camps, by their divisions, numbered 603,500;

33 But the tribe of Levi was not numbered among the children of Israyl, as Yahweh commanded Mosheh.

34 Thus the children of Israyl did everything as Yahweh commanded Mosheh. That is the way they encamped under their standards, and that is the way they broke camp and set out, each with his clan and his family.

### CHAP. 3

**T**hese are the begettings of the family of Aaron and Mosheh, at the time Yahweh talked with Mosheh on Mount Sinai;

2 And these are the names of the sons of Aaron: Nadab, the firstborn, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.

3 These are the names of the sons of Aaron, the anointed priests, who were consecrated and ordained to serve as priests;

4 But Nadab and Abihu had died in front

of Yahweh, when they offered profane and unauthorized fire in front of Yahweh *while they encamped* in the Wilderness of Sinai. They had no sons; so only Eleazar and Ithamar served as priests during the lifetime of their father Aaron.

5 And Yahweh spoke to Mosheh, saying:

6 Bring the tribe of Levi near, and <sup>G1</sup>present them before Aaron the *High Priest*, in order that they may assist him.

7 They are to perform duties for him and for the whole community <sup>G2</sup>at the Tent of Meeting, to do the work of the tabernacle.

8 They shall take care of all the furnishings of the Tent of Meeting, fulfilling the obligations of the children of Israyl, by doing the work of the tabernacle *on their behalf*.

9 You shall give the sons of Levi to Aaron and his <sup>G3</sup>sons. They are given entirely to Me from among the children of Israyl.

10 Appoint Aaron and his sons to serve in the Priesthood. <sup>G4</sup>Anyone else who enters the Holy Place must be put to death.

11 Then Yahweh spoke to Mosheh, saying:

12 <sup>R1</sup>I, Myself, have taken the Levites from among the children of Israyl, instead of every firstborn son who opens the womb among the children of Israyl. Therefore, the Levites shall be Mine,

13 For all the firstborn are Mine. On the day that I struck all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, I sanctified and set apart for Myself all the firstborn in Israyl, whether man or animal. <sup>1</sup>They are to be Mine. I am Yahweh.

14 Then Yahweh spoke to Mosheh in the Wilderness of Sinai, saying:

15 Number the children of Levi by their families and clans. Count every male one moon old or more.

16 So Mosheh numbered them, as he was commanded by the word of Yahweh.

17 These were the names of the sons of Levi: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.

18 These were the names of the sons of Gershon, by their clans: Libni and Shimei.

19 The sons of Kohath, by their clans, were: Amram, Izechar, Hebron, and Uzziel.

20 The sons of Merari, by their clans, were: Mahli and Mushi. These were the Levite clans, according to their families.

21 From Gershon came the clans of the Libnites and the clans of the Shimites. These were the clans of the Gershonites.

22 The number of all the males one moon old or more, who were numbered, was 7,500.

23 The clans of the Gershonites were to camp on the west; behind the tabernacle.

24 The leader of the fathers' houses of the Gershonites was Eliasaph the son of Lael.

25 The duties of the children of Gershon in the Tent of Meeting was the care of the tabernacle, the tent with its coverings, the curtain screen

G1. Offer them to Aaron for the service of the Tabernacle.

G2. Which appertained to the execution of his Priestly commandment, to the oversight of the people, and to the service of the Tabernacle.

G3. Aaron's sons, the Priests, served in the Sanctuary, praying for the people and offering sacrifices.

G4. Anyone who would seek to serve as a Priest or Levite, but was not of the tribe of Levi.

R1. Originally the service (the Priestly functions) was performed by the firstborn, but when they (the Israylites and among them their firstborn too) sinned by worshipping the golden calf they became disqualified, and the Levites who had not worshipped this god (el) were chosen in their stead.

1. Verse 3:13—Exodus 13:2 and Exodus 13:11-16.

at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting,

26 The curtains of the courtyard, the curtain screen at the entrance to the courtyard surrounding the tabernacle and altar, and the ropes, and everything related to their use.

27 From Kohath came the clan of the Amramites, the clan of the Izharites, the clan of the Hebronites, and the clan of the Uzzielites. These were the clans of the Kohathites.

28 The number of all the males a moon old or more was 8,600.

29 The clans of the children of Kohath were to camp on the south side of the tabernacle.

30 The leader of the fathers' houses of the clans of the Kohathites was Elizaphan the son of Uzziel.

31 They were responsible for the care of the ark, the table, the lampstand, the altars, the articles of the sanctuary used in ministering, the Veil, and everything related to their use.

32 Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest was to be chief over the leaders of the Levites, the overseer of those who kept charge of; *who were responsible for*, the sanctuary.

33 From Merari came the clan of the Mahalites and the clan of the Mushites. These were the clans of Merari.

34 The number of all the males a moon old or more who were numbered was 6,200.

35 The leader of the fathers' houses of the clans of Merari was Zuriel the son of Abihail. They were to camp on the north side of the tabernacle.

36 The clans of Merari were appointed to take care of the frames of the tabernacle, its bars, posts, bases, all its equipment, and everything related to their use;

37 As well as the posts of the surrounding courtyard with their bases, tent pegs and ropes.

38 Those who were to camp in front of the tabernacle, on the east side, in front of the Tent of Meeting, were Mosheh, and Aaron and his sons. They were responsible for the care of the Sanctuary on <sup>G1</sup>behalf of the children of Israyl. Anyone else who approached the Sanctuary; *the Holy Place and the Most Holy Place*, was to be put to death.

39 <sup>a</sup>The total number of the sons of Levi, counted and numbered at Yahweh's command by Mosheh and Aaron, according to their clans, including every male a moon old or more, was 22,000.

40 Then Yahweh said to Mosheh: Number all the firstborn males of the children of Israyl, from a moon old and above, and take the number of their names.

41 And you shall take the Levites for Me <sup>G2</sup>in place of all the firstborn among the children of Israyl, and the livestock of the Levites in place of all the firstborn of the livestock of the children of Israyl. *I am Yahweh.*

42 So Mosheh numbered all the firstborn among the children of Israyl as Yahweh commanded him.

43 And all the firstborn males, from a moon old or more, listed by name, were 22,273.

44 Yahweh spoke to Mosheh, saying:

45 Take the Levites instead of all the firstborn among the children of Israyl, and the livestock of the Levites instead of their livestock. The Levites shall be Mine. *I am Yahweh.*

46 To redeem the 273 firstborn children of Israyl who exceed the number of the Levites,

47 Collect five shekels for each one; *that is, about 2 ounces of silver each*, according to the sanctuary shekel which weighs twenty gerahs; *taking probably 50 gerahs to make an ounce.*

48 Give the money for the redemption of the additional children of Israyl to Aaron and his sons.

49 So Mosheh collected the redemption money from those who exceeded the number redeemed by the Levites.

50 From the firstborn of the children of Israyl he collected silver weighing 1,365 shekels; *that is, about 35 pounds of silver*, according to the sanctuary shekel.

51 Mosheh gave their redemption money to Aaron and his sons, as he was commanded by the word of Yahweh.

## CHAP. 4

**Y**ahweh spoke to Mosheh and Aaron, saying:

2 Take a census of the sons of Kohath from among the children of Levi, by their clans, and by their fathers' houses.

3 Count all the men from thirty to fifty years of age who come to serve in the work in the Tent of Meeting.

4 This is the service of the sons of Kohath in the Tent of Meeting: the care of the most holy things.

5 When the camp is to move, Aaron and his sons are to go in and take down the Veil and cover the ark of the Testimony with it.

6 Then they are to cover this with hides of goat skins, spread a cloth of solid blue over that and put the poles in place.

7 Over the table of the Presence they are to spread a blue cloth and put on it the plates, ladles and bowls, and the pitchers for drink offerings. The bread that is continually there is to remain upon it.

8 Over these they are to spread a scarlet cloth, cover that with hides of goat skins and put its poles in place.

9 They are to take a blue cloth and cover the lampstand that is for light, together with its lamps, its wick trimmers and trays, and all its pitchers for the oil used to supply it.

10 Then they are to wrap it and all its ac-

G1. That none should enter into the Tabernacle contrary to Yahweh's command.

a. Nothing a man may own, whether it be man or animal may be redeemed. Leviticus 27:28.

G2. So that now the Priests, who were from the tribe of Levi, should sacrifice unto Yahweh for the firstborn of Israyl, except for the 273 more than the number of the Levites, who had to be redeemed by the payment of five shekels of silver. Numbers 3:42-47.

cessories in a covering of goats' hides and put it on a carrying frame.

11 Over the golden altar they are to spread a blue cloth and cover that with goats' hides and put its poles in place.

12 They are to take all the articles used for ministering in the sanctuary, wrap them in a blue cloth, cover that with goat hides, and put them on a carrying frame.

13 They are to remove the ashes from the bronze altar and spread a purple cloth over it.

14 Then they are to place on it all the utensils used for ministering at the altar, including the firepans, meat forks, shovels, and sprinkling bowls. Over it they are to spread a covering of goats' hides and put its poles in place.

15 After Aaron and his sons have finished covering the holy furnishings and all the holy articles, and when the camp is ready to move, then the sons of Kohath are to come to do the carrying, but they must not touch the holy things or they will die. The Kohathites are to carry those things that are in the Tent of Meeting.

16 Eleazar, son of Aaron the priest, is to have charge of the oil for the light, the fragrant incense, the regular grain offering, and the anointing oil. He is to be in charge of the entire tabernacle and everything in it, including its holy furnishings and articles.

17 Yahweh spoke to Mosheh and Aaron, saying:

18 Do not cut off the tribe of the clans of the Kohathites from among the Levites; *take care that the Kohathites do not incur death through any negligence or want of consideration on your part.*

19 So that they may live and not die when they come near the most holy things; do this for them: Aaron and his sons shall go in and appoint each of them to his service and his task.

20 But they shall not go in to watch while the holy things are being covered or they will die.

21 Yahweh spoke to Mosheh, saying:

22 Also take a census of the sons of Gershon, by their fathers' houses and by their clans.

23 Count all the men from thirty to fifty years of age who come to serve in the work at the Tent of Meeting.

24 This is the service of the clans of Gershon; in serving and carrying.

25 They are to carry the curtains of the tabernacle, the Tent of Meeting, its covering and the outer covering of goats' hides, and curtains for the entrance to the Tent of Meeting.

26 The curtains of the courtyard surrounding the tabernacle and altar, the curtain screen for the entrance, the ropes, and all the equipment used in its service. So shall they serve.

27 Aaron and his sons shall assign all the service of the sons of the Gershonites, all

their tasks, and all their service. And you shall appoint to them all their tasks as their duty.

28 This is the service of the clans of the Gershonites at the Tent of Meeting. Their duties are to be under the direction of Ithamar son of Aaron, the priest.

29 Number the sons of Merari by their clans and by their fathers' houses.

30 Count all the men from thirty to fifty years of age who come to serve in the work at the Tent of Meeting.

31 This is their duty as they perform service at the Tent of Meeting: to carry the frames of the tabernacle, its bars, posts, and bases;

32 As well as the posts of the surrounding courtyard with their bases, tent pegs, ropes, all their equipment and everything related to their use. You shall assign to each man by name the items he must carry.

33 This is the service of the clans of the sons of Merari, as they work at the Tent of Meeting under the direction of Ithamar son of Aaron, the priest.

34 Mosheh, Aaron, and the leaders of the congregation counted the Kohathites by their clans and families.

35 All the men from thirty to fifty years of age who came to serve in the work in the Tent of Meeting,

36 Counted by clans, were 2,750.

37 This was the total of all those in the Kohathite clans who served in the Tent of Meeting. Mosheh and Aaron counted them according to Yahweh's command <sup>G1</sup>through Mosheh.

38 The sons of Gershon were counted by their clans and by their families.

39 All the men from thirty to fifty years of age who came to serve in the work at the Tent of Meeting,

40 Counted by their clans and families, were 2,630.

41 This was the total of those in the Gershonite clans who served at the Tent of Meeting. Mosheh and Aaron counted them according to the commandment of Yahweh.

42 The families of the sons of Merari were counted by their clans and families.

43 All the men from thirty to fifty years of age who came to serve in the work at the Tent of Meeting,

44 Counted by their clans, were 3,200.

45 This was the total of those in the clans of Merari. Mosheh and Aaron counted them according to the word of Yahweh by the hand of Mosheh.

46 So Mosheh, Aaron, and the leaders of Israyl counted all the sons of Levi by their clans and families.

47 All the men from thirty to fifty years old

G1. Mosheh was appointed by Yahweh to be the overseer of this work.



who came to do the work of serving and carrying the Tent of Meeting—

48 Those who were numbered were 8,580.

49 According to the commandment of Yahweh they were numbered by the hand of Mosheh, each according to his service and according to his assigned tasks; thus were they numbered as Yahweh commanded <sup>G1</sup>Mosheh.

## CHAP. 5

**Y**ahweh spoke to Mosheh and Aaron, saying:

2 Command the children of Israyl that they put out of the camp every leper and every person having an infectious skin disease, everyone who has a discharge and whoever becomes ceremonially unclean because of a dead body.

3 Send away both male and female; you shall put them outside the camp so they will not defile their camp where I dwell among them.

4 The children of Israyl did this. They put them outside the camp as Yahweh spoke to Mosheh. So the children of Israyl did.

5 Yahweh spoke to Mosheh, saying:

6 Speak to the children of Israyl; When a man or woman commits any wrong common to mankind, being unfaithful to Yahweh, that person is guilty,

7 And must confess the sin he has committed; *breach of trust or wrongful misappropriation of the property of another, living or dead.* He shall make restitution for his trespass in full value, plus one-fifth of the valuation, and give it to the one he has wronged.

8 But if the man has no kinsman to whom restitution may be made for the wrong, the restitution for the wrong must go to Yahweh for the priests, along with the ram of the atonement, making atonement for him.

9 Every offering of all the holy things of the children of Israyl, which they bring to the priest, shall be his.

10 Every man's holy things shall be his. Whatever any man gives the priest shall be his.

11 Yahweh spoke to Mosheh, saying:

12 Speak to the children of Israyl, and say to them; If any man's <sup>G2</sup>wife goes astray and behaves unfaithfully toward him,

13 By <sup>a</sup>sleeping with another man, and this is hidden from her husband and her impurity is undetected (since there was no witness against her, nor was she caught in the act)—

14 And if the spirit of jealousy comes over her husband and he suspects his wife and she is impure, or if he is jealous and suspects her even though she is not impure—

15 Then the man shall bring his wife to the priest. He shall also bring the offering required for her; one-tenth of an ephah of barley meal; that is, probably about 2 quarts; he shall pour no

oil on it and put no frankincense on it, because it is a Grain Offering of Jealousy, an offering of remembrance for bringing sin to <sup>G3</sup>remembrance.

16 Then the priest shall bring her and stand her in front of Yahweh.

17 Then he shall take some holy water in a clay jar and put some dust from the tabernacle floor into the water.

18 After the priest has had the woman stand in front of Yahweh, then he shall uncover the woman's head, loosening the woman's hair, and put the offering for remembering in her hands, which is the Grain Offering of Jealousy. The priest shall have in his hand the <sup>G4</sup>bitter water that brings a curse.

19 Then the priest shall put the woman under oath, and say to her; If no other man has slept with you and you have not gone astray and become impure while married to your husband, may this bitter water that brings a curse not harm you.

20 But if you have gone astray while married to your husband, and you have defiled yourself by sleeping with a man other than your husband—

21 Here the priest is to put the woman under this curse of the oath, and he is to say to the woman—May Yahweh make you a curse and an oath among your people, when He causes your thigh to waste away and your abdomen to swell; *causing you to be childless through various afflictions.*

22 May this water that brings a curse, causing guilt to come to light, enter your body, so that your abdomen swells and your thigh wastes away; *causing you to be childless because of various afflictions.* Then the woman is to say: So be it. So be it.

23 Then the priest shall write these curses on a scroll, and then wash them off into the bitter water.

24 And he shall have the woman drink the bitter water that brings a curse, and this water will enter her and cause bitter suffering.

25 The priest is to take from her hand the Grain Offering for Jealousy, and wave the offering before Yahweh, and bring it to the altar;

26 The priest is then to take a handful of the grain offering as a memorial offering portion, and burn it on the altar. After that, he is to have the woman drink the water.

27 If she has defiled herself, and has been unfaithful to her husband, when she is made to drink the water that brings a curse, it will go into her and cause bitter suffering; her abdomen will swell and her thigh will waste away; *causing her to be barren*, and she will become accursed among her people.

28 But if the woman has not defiled herself, and is clean, then she shall be cleared of guilt, and will be able to have children.

29 This is the Law of jealousy, when a woman

G3. Only in the sin offerings and this offering of jealousy were neither oil nor incense offered.

G4. It was so-called by the effect, because it declared this woman to be accursed, and turned to her destruction.

G1. Mosheh never added to nor diminished from that which Yahweh commanded him.

G2. By breaking the bond of marriage and playing the harlot.

a. The King James version translates this word lie.

goes astray and defiles herself while married to her husband,

30 Or when feelings of jealousy come over a man because he suspects his wife. The priest is to have her stand in front of Yahweh and is to execute all this Law upon her.

31 Then the man shall be innocent of any wrongdoing, but the woman will bear the consequences of her sin.

## CHAP. 6

**Y**ahweh spoke to Mosheh, saying:

2 Speak to the children of Israyl, and say to them; When a man or woman wants to make a special vow; a vow of separation to Yahweh as a <sup>G1</sup>Nazirite,

3 He shall abstain from wine or other fermented drink and must not drink vinegar made from wine or from other fermented drink. He must not drink grape juice or eat grapes or raisins.

4 As long as he is separated as a Nazirite, he must not eat anything that comes from the grapevine, not even the seeds or skins.

5 During the entire period of his vow of separation no razor may be used on his head. He must be holy until the period of his separation to Yahweh is over; he must let the hair of his head grow long.

6 Throughout the period of his separation to Yahweh he must not go near a dead body.

7 Even if his own father or mother or brother or sister dies, he must not make himself ceremonially unclean for them because his separation to Yahweh is on his head.

8 All the days of his separation he shall be holy to Yahweh.

9 If someone dies suddenly in his presence, thus defiling the hair he has dedicated, he must shave his head on the day of his cleansing. On the seventh day he shall shave it.

10 Then on the eighth day he shall bring two turtledoves or two young pigeons to the priest, to the entrance to the Tent of Meeting.

11 The priest is to offer one as a sin offering and the other as a burnt offering to make atonement for him because he sinned by reason of the dead body, and he shall consecrate his head that same day.

12 He must dedicate himself to Yahweh for the period of his separation and must bring a male lamb in its first year as a trespass offering. The former days shall be lost because he became defiled during his separation.

13 Now this is the Law of the Nazirite when the days of his separation are fulfilled: he shall be brought to the entrance to the Tent of Meeting,

14 Where he is to present his offerings to Yahweh: one male lamb in its first year without blemish as a burnt offering, one ewe lamb in its first year without blemish as a sin offering, one

ram without blemish as a peace offering,

15 A basket of unleavened bread, cakes of fine flour mixed with oil, unleavened wafers spread with oil, and their grain offering with their drink offerings.

16 Then the priest shall bring them in front of Yahweh and offer his sin offering and his burnt offering,

17 And he shall offer the ram as a sacrifice of peace offering to Yahweh, with the basket of unleavened bread. The priest shall also offer its grain offering and its drink offering.

18 Then at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting the Nazirite must shave off the hair that he dedicated. He is to take the hair and put it in the fire that is under the sacrifice of the peace offering.

19 After the Nazirite has shaved off the hair of his dedication, the priest is to place in his hands a boiled shoulder of the ram, one unleavened cake from the basket, and one unleavened wafer,

20 And the priest shall wave them as a wave offering in front of Yahweh. They are holy for the priest, together with the breast of the wave offering and the thigh of the heave offering. After that the Nazirite may drink wine.

21 This is the Law of the Nazirite who vows his offering to Yahweh in accordance with his separation, in addition to whatever else he can afford. He must fulfill the vow he has made, according to the Law of the Nazirite.

22 Yahweh spoke to Mosheh, saying:

23 Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying; This is how you are to bless the children of Israyl. Say to them;

24 YAHWEH <sup>R1</sup>BLESS YOU AND <sup>R2</sup>KEEP YOU.

25 YAHWEH MAKE HIS <sup>R3</sup>FACE SHINE UPON YOU AND BE MERCIFUL TO YOU.

26 YAHWEH LIFT UP HIS <sup>R4</sup>COUNTENANCE UPON YOU, AND GIVE YOU PEACE.

27 <sup>G2</sup>So they will put ● MY NAME on the children of Israyl, and I will bless them.

## CHAP. 7

**W**hen Mosheh had finished setting up the tabernacle, he anointed it and consecrated and sanctified it and all its furnishings. He also anointed and consecrated the altar and all its utensils.

2 Then the leaders of Israyl, the heads of families who were the tribal leaders in charge of those who were counted, made offerings.

3 They brought as their offerings before Yahweh six covered carts and twelve oxen, an ox

● They shall bless them by the Proper Name of our Heavenly Father. When uttering the blessings THEY SHALL USE THE NAME **YAHWEH**, AND NO SUBSTITUTE FOR IT. *Chumash with Targum Onkelos, Haphtaroth, and Rashi's Commentary*, Volume Bamidbar, Page 31.

G1. This vow separated them from the world, and dedicated them to Yahweh. This vow symbolizes the vow made by all who have committed themselves to follow Yahshua Messiah.

R1. That you may increase.  
R2. That no one may steal from you.

R3. May Yahweh show His love upon you.

R4. May Yahweh never be angry with you.

G2. They shall pray in the name of Yahweh for them.

from each leader and a cart from every two leaders. These they presented in front of the tabernacle.

4 Yahweh spoke to Mosheh, saying:

5 Accept these from them, that they may be used in the work of the Tent of Meeting; and you shall give them to the Levites, as each man's service requires.

6 So Mosheh took the carts and the oxen, and gave them to the Levites.

7 Two carts and four oxen he gave to the sons of Gershon, as their service required,

8 And four carts and eight oxen he gave to the sons of Merari, as their service required, under the hand of Ithamar the son of Aaron, the priest.

9 But to the sons of Kohath he gave none, because they were to carry on their shoulders the holy things, for which they were responsible.

10 When the altar was anointed, the leaders brought their offerings for its dedication and presented them in front of the altar.

11 For Yahweh had said to Mosheh: Each day one leader is to bring his offering for the dedication of the altar.

12 The one who offered his offering on the first day was Nahshon the son of Amminadab, from the tribe of Yahdah.

13 His offering was one silver plate weighing a hundred and thirty shekels; *that is, about 3 1/4 pounds*, and one silver sprinkling bowl weighing seventy shekels; *that is, about 1 3/4 pounds*, both according to the sanctuary shekel, each filled with fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering;

14 One gold ladle weighing ten shekels; *that is, about 4 ounces*, filled with incense;

15 One young bull, one ram, and one male lamb of the first year for a burnt offering;

16 One male goat for a sin offering;

17 And two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs of the first year, to be sacrificed as a peace offering. This was the offering of Nahshon son of Amminadab.

18 On the second day Nethaneel son of Zuar, the leader of Issachar, brought his offering.

19 The offering he brought was one silver plate weighing a hundred and thirty shekels, and one silver sprinkling bowl weighing seventy shekels, both according to the sanctuary shekel, each filled with fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering;

20 One gold ladle weighing ten shekels, filled with incense;

21 One young bull, one ram, and one male lamb of the first year for a burnt offering;

22 One male goat for a sin offering;

23 And two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs of the first year, to be sacrificed as a peace offering. This was the offering

of Nethaneel son of Zuar.

24 On the third day, Eliab son of Helon, the leader of the people of Zebulun, brought his offering.

25 His offering was one silver plate weighing a hundred and thirty shekels, and one silver sprinkling bowl weighing seventy shekels, both according to the sanctuary shekel, each filled with fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering;

26 One gold ladle weighing ten shekels, filled with incense;

27 One young bull, one ram, and one male lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering;

28 One male goat for a sin offering;

29 And two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs of the first year, to be sacrificed as a peace offering. This was the offering of Eliab son of Helon.

30 On the fourth day Elizur son of Shedeur, the leader of the tribe of Reuben, brought his offering.

31 His offering was one silver plate weighing a hundred and thirty shekels, and one silver sprinkling bowl weighing seventy shekels, both according to the sanctuary shekel, each filled with fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering;

32 One gold ladle weighing ten shekels, filled with incense;

33 One young bull, one ram, and one male lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering;

34 One male goat for a sin offering;

35 And two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs of the first year, to be sacrificed as a peace offering. This was the offering of Elizur son of Shedeur.

36 On the fifth day Shelumiel son of Zuri-shaddai, the leader of the tribe of Simeon, brought his offering.

37 His offering was one silver plate weighing a hundred and thirty shekels, and one silver sprinkling bowl weighing seventy shekels, both according to the sanctuary shekel, each filled with fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering;

38 One gold ladle weighing ten shekels, filled with incense;

39 One young bull, one ram, and one male lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering;

40 One male goat for a sin offering;

41 And two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs of the first year, to be sacrificed as a peace offering. This was the offering of Shelumiel son of Zurishaddai.

42 On the sixth day Eliasaph son of Deuel, the leader of the tribe of Gad, brought his offering.

43 His offering was one silver plate weighing a hundred and thirty shekels, and one silver sprinkling bowl weighing seventy shekels, both according to the sanctuary shekel, each filled with fine



flour mixed with oil as a grain offering;

44 One gold ladle weighing ten shekels, filled with incense;

45 One young bull, one young ram, and one male lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering;

46 One male goat for a sin offering;

47 And two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs of the first year, to be sacrificed as a peace offering. This was the offering of Eliasaph son of Deuel.

48 On the seventh day Elishama son of Ammi-hud, the leader of the tribe of Ephraim, brought his offering.

49 His offering was one silver plate weighing a hundred and thirty shekels, one silver sprinkling bowl weighing seventy shekels, both according to the sanctuary shekel, each filled with fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering;

50 One gold ladle weighing ten shekels, filled with incense;

51 One young bull, one ram, and one male lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering;

52 One male goat for a sin offering;

53 And two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs of the first year, to be sacrificed as a peace offering. This was the offering of Elishama son of Ammihud.

54 On the eighth day Gamaliel son of Pedahzur, the leader of the tribe of Menasheh, brought his offering.

55 His offering was one silver plate weighing a hundred and thirty shekels, and one silver sprinkling bowl weighing seventy shekels, both according to the sanctuary shekel, each filled with fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering;

56 One gold ladle weighing ten shekels, filled with incense;

57 One young bull, one ram, and one male lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering;

58 One male goat for a sin offering;

59 And two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs of the first year, to be sacrificed as a peace offering. This was the offering of Gamaliel son of Pedahzur.

60 On the ninth day Abidan son of Gideoni, the leader of the tribe of Benjamin, brought his offering.

61 His offering was one silver plate weighing a hundred and thirty shekels, and one silver sprinkling bowl weighing seventy shekels, both according to the sanctuary shekel, each filled with fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering;

62 One gold ladle weighing ten shekels, filled with incense;

63 One young bull, one ram, and one male lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering;

64 One male goat for a sin offering;

65 And two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs of the first year, to be sacri-

ficed as a peace offering. This was the offering of Abidan son of Gideoni.

66 On the tenth day Ahiezer son of Ammishaddai, the leader of the tribe of Dan, brought his offering.

67 His offering was one silver plate weighing a hundred and thirty shekels, and one silver sprinkling bowl weighing seventy shekels, both according to the sanctuary shekel, each filled with fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering;

68 One gold ladle weighing ten shekels, filled with incense;

69 One young bull, one ram, and one male lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering;

70 One male goat for a sin offering;

71 And two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs of the first year, to be sacrificed as a peace offering. This was the offering of Ahiezer son of Ammishaddai.

72 On the eleventh day Pagiel son of Ocran, the leader of the tribe of Asher, brought his offering.

73 His offering was one silver plate weighing a hundred and thirty shekels, and one silver sprinkling bowl weighing seventy shekels, both according to the sanctuary shekel, each filled with fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering;

74 One gold ladle weighing ten shekels, filled with incense;

75 One young bull, one ram, and one male lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering;

76 One male goat for a sin offering;

77 And two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs of the first year, to be sacrificed as a peace offering. This was the offering of Pagiel son of Ocran.

78 On the twelfth day Ahira son of Enan, the leader of the tribe of Naphtali, brought his offering.

79 His offering was one silver plate weighing a hundred and thirty shekels, and one silver sprinkling bowl weighing seventy shekels, both according to the sanctuary shekel, each filled with fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering;

80 One gold ladle weighing ten shekels, filled with incense;

81 One young bull, one ram, and one male lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering;

82 One male goat for a sin offering;

83 And two oxen, five rams, five male goats, and five male lambs of the first year, to be sacrificed as a peace offering. This was the offering of Ahira son of Enan.

84 These were the Dedication Offerings from the leaders of the children of Israyl when *the altar* was anointed: 12 silver plates, 12 silver sprinkling bowls and 12 gold ladles.

85 Each silver plate weighed a hundred and thirty shekels; *that is, about 3 1/4 pounds each,*

and each sprinkling bowl seventy shekels; *that is, about 1 3/4 pounds each*. All the silver in these vessels weighed two thousand four hundred shekels; *that is, about 60 pounds of silver*, according to the shekel of the sanctuary.

86 The twelve gold ladles filled with incense weighed ten shekels each; *that is, about 4 ounces each*, according to the shekel of the sanctuary. All the gold in these ladles weighed one hundred and twenty shekels; *that is, about 3 pounds of gold*, according to the shekel of the sanctuary.

87 The total number of animals for the burnt offering came to twelve young bulls, twelve rams, and twelve male lambs of the first year, together with their grain offering. Twelve male goats were offered for the sin offering.

88 The total number of animals for the sacrifice of the peace offering came to twenty four oxen, sixty rams, sixty male goats, and sixty male lambs of the first year. This was the Dedication Offering for the altar after it was anointed.

89 When Mosheh entered the Tent of Meeting to speak with *Yahweh*, he heard the voice of One speaking to him from above the mercy seat; *atonement cover*, on the ark of the Testimony between the two cherubim. In this way *Yahweh* spoke to *Mosheh*.

## CHAP. 8

**Y**ahweh spoke to Mosheh, saying:

2 Speak to Aaron, and say to him; When you set up the lamps, the seven lamps are to give light in front of the lampstand.

3 And Aaron did so; he arranged the lamps to face toward the front of the lampstand, as *Yahweh* commanded Mosheh.

4 This is how the lampstand was made: It was made of hammered gold, from its base to its blossoms. The lampstand was made exactly like the pattern *Yahweh* had shown Mosheh.

5 *Yahweh* spoke to Mosheh, saying:

6 Take the Levites from among the <sup>a</sup>children of Israyl and make them ceremonially clean.

7 You shall do this to them to purify them: Sprinkle the <sup>G1</sup>water of cleansing on them; then have them shave their whole bodies and wash their clothes, and so purify and cleanse themselves.

8 Have them take a young bull with its grain offering of fine flour mixed with oil; then you are to take another young bull as a sin offering.

9 Bring the Levites to the front of the Tent of Meeting and you shall gather together the whole congregation of the children of Israyl.

10 You are to bring the Levites in front of *Yahweh* and the children of Israyl shall lay their hands on the Levites.

11 Aaron is to present the Levites in front

of *Yahweh* as a wave offering from the children of Israyl, so that they may be ready to do and perform the work of *Yahweh*.

12 Then the Levites shall lay their hands on the heads of the young bulls, then you are to use the one for a sin offering to *Yahweh* and the other for a burnt offering, to make atonement for the Levites.

13 You shall then stand the Levites in front of Aaron and his sons, and then present them as a wave offering to *Yahweh*.

14 In this way you are to separate and set the Levites apart from among the children of Israyl, and the Levites will be Mine.

15 After you have cleansed and purified the Levites and presented them as a wave offering, they are to come to do their work at the Tent of Meeting.

16 They are the children of Israyl who are to be given completely to Me. I have taken them as My Own instead of and in place of all who open the womb of the firstborn of all the children of Israyl.

17 Every <sup>R1</sup>firstborn male in Israyl, whether man or animal, is Mine. When I struck down all the firstborn in Egypt, I set them apart for Myself.

18 But I have taken the Levites instead of and in the place of all the firstborn of the children of Israyl,

19 And I have given the Levites as a gift to Aaron and his sons from among the children of Israyl, to do the work for the children of Israyl in the Tent of Meeting, and to make atonement on behalf of the children of Israyl so that no plague will strike the children of Israyl when they go near the sanctuary.

20 Mosheh, Aaron, and all the congregation of the children of Israyl did to the Levites as *Yahweh* commanded Mosheh concerning the Levites. So the children of Israyl did to them.

21 The Levites cleansed and purified themselves and washed their clothes. Then Aaron presented them as a wave offering in front of *Yahweh* and made atonement for them to purify them.

22 After that, the Levites came to perform and do their work at the Tent of Meeting under the supervision of Aaron and his sons. As *Yahweh* commanded Mosheh concerning the Levites, so they did to them.

23 *Yahweh* spoke to Mosheh, saying:

24 This pertains to the Levites: From the age of twenty-five years old and above they shall come to take part in the work at the Tent of Meeting,

25 But at the age of fifty years old they must cease performing this work, and work no longer.

26 They may <sup>G2</sup>assist their brothers in performing their duties at the Tent of Meeting, but

R1. The firstborn were *Yahweh's* until they worshipped the golden calf.

a. From the twelve tribes. Revelation 7:1-8.

G1. In Hebrew, it is called the water of sin, because it is made to purge sin. Numbers 19:9.

G2. In singing psalms, instructing, counseling, and keeping things in order.

they themselves must not do the work. Thus you shall do to the Levites, assigning their responsibilities.

### CHAP. 9

**Y**ahweh spoke to Mosheh in the Wilderness of Sinai, in the First Moon of the second year after they had come out of the land of Egypt, saying:

2 Let the children of Israyl <sup>1</sup>sacrifice the Passover at its appointed season:

3 On the Fourteenth Day of this Moon, between the two evenings, you must sacrifice it in its appointed season. According to all its <sup>G1</sup>ordinances and its ceremonies, you must sacrifice it.

4 So Mosheh commanded the children of Israyl that they must sacrifice the Passover.

5 And they sacrificed the Passover on the Fourteenth Day of the First Moon, between the two evenings; *between around 3:00 in the afternoon and sunset*, in the Wilderness of Sinai. According to all that Yahweh commanded Mosheh, so the children of Israyl did.

6 Now there were men who were ceremonially unclean because of the body of a dead man, so they could not sacrifice the Passover on that day. So they came to Mosheh and Aaron that same day,

7 And said to Mosheh; We have become unclean because of a dead body of a man, but why are we kept from presenting the Offering of Yahweh in its appointed season with the children of Israyl?

8 And Mosheh said to them; Wait until I may hear what Yahweh will command concerning you.

9 Then Yahweh spoke to Mosheh, saying:

10 Speak to the children of Israyl, saying; If anyone of you or any of your descendants is unclean because of a dead body, or away on a journey, he may still sacrifice Yahweh's Passover;

11 On the Fourteenth Day of the Second Moon, between the two evenings; *between around 3:00 in the afternoon and sunset*, they shall sacrifice it. They must eat the lamb with unleavened bread and bitter herbs.

12 They shall leave none of it until morning, nor break one of its bones. According to all the <sup>a</sup>ordinances of the Passover they must sacrifice it.

13 But the man who is ceremonially clean and is not on a journey, but fails to sacrifice the Passover, that same person shall be cut off from among his people, because he did not bring the Offering of Yahweh at its appointed season. That man will bear *the consequences* of his sin.

14 And if a stranger living among you wants

to sacrifice Yahweh's Passover *Offering* he must do so according to the ordinance of the Passover and according to its ceremony. You shall have one ordinance, both for the stranger and the native of the land.

15 And on the day the tabernacle was set up, the cloud covered the tabernacle of the Tent of the Testimony. From evening until morning the cloud above the tabernacle looked like fire.

16 That is how it continued to be; the cloud covered it *by day*, and the appearance of fire covered it *by night*.

17 Whenever the cloud lifted from above the Tent, the children of Israyl set out. Whenever the cloud settled, the children of Israyl encamped.

18 At Yahweh's command the children of Israyl would journey, and at Yahweh's command they would set up camp. As long as the cloud stayed above the tabernacle they remained encamped.

19 Even when the cloud remained over the tabernacle a long time, the children of Israyl obeyed Yahweh's charge and order, and did not set out.

20 Sometimes the cloud was over the tabernacle only a few days, then according to the command of Yahweh they would remain encamped, and according to the command of Yahweh they would set out on their journey.

21 Sometimes the cloud stayed only from evening until morning, and when it lifted in the morning, they would set out. Whether by day or by night, whenever the cloud was taken up, they would journey.

22 Whether the cloud stayed over the tabernacle for two days, for a moon, or for a year, the children of Israyl would remain in camp and not set out; but when it lifted, they would journey.

23 At the command of Yahweh they remained encamped, and at the command of Yahweh they journeyed. They kept the charge of Yahweh, in accordance with Yahweh's command through Mosheh.

### CHAP. 10

**Y**ahweh spoke to Mosheh, saying:

2 Make two silver trumpets; *chatsotserot*, of hammered silver, and use them for calling the congregation together, and for causing the camps to set forward.

3 When both *silver trumpets* are sounded; Teki'ah; *an extended, unbroken note*, the whole community is to gather together in front of you at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting.

4 If only one *silver trumpet* is sounded; Teki'ah; *only* the leaders, the heads of the clans of Israyl, are to gather together in front of you.

5 When you sound the advance; Teruah;

G1. Even in all points as Yahweh has instituted it.

a. Word #2708, Hebrew Dictionary, *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance*.

I. Verse 9:2—Erroneously translated *keep* in most translations. Book: *The Sabbath: Every Question Answered*: Chapters 6 and 10.

*short, sharp, separate notes*, the camps that lie on the east side; *that is, Yahdah along with Issachar and Zebulun*, shall then begin their journey.

6 When you sound the advance; Teruah; the second time, then the camps that lie on the south side; *the tribe of Reuben along with Simeon and Gad*, shall begin their journey. They shall sound the call; Teruah; for them to begin their journeys.

7 And when the congregation is to be gathered together, you shall blow the Teki'ah, but not sound the Teruah.

8 The sons of Aaron, the priests, are to blow the trumpets. This shall be to you as an ordinance forever throughout your generations.

9 When you go to war in your land against an enemy who is oppressing you, then you shall make the clarion call on these trumpets, and you will be remembered by Yahweh your Father, and you will be saved from your enemies.

10 Also in the day of your <sup>G1</sup>gladness, in your Appointed Feasts, and at your New Moon Festivals, you shall make the clarion call on the trumpets over your burnt offerings and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings. And it will be a memorial remembrance for you in front of Yahweh your Father. I am Yahweh your Heavenly Father.

11 On the Twentieth Day of the Second Moon of the second year, the cloud was lifted up from above the tabernacle of the Testimony.

12 Then the children of Israyl set out from the Wilderness of Sinai on their journeys until the cloud came to rest in the Wilderness of Paran.

13 So they started out, for the first time, according to the command of Yahweh by the hand of Mosheh.

14 The divisions of the camp of Yahdah went first under his standard. Nahshon son of Amminadab was in command.

15 Nethaneel son of Zuar was over the division of the tribe of Issachar,

16 And Eliab son of Helon was over the division of the tribe of Zebulun.

17 Then the tabernacle was taken down and the sons of Gershon, and the sons of Merari who carried it, set out.

18 The divisions of the camp of Reuben went next under his standard. Elizur son of Shedeur was in command.

19 Shelumiel son of Zurishaddai was over the division of the tribe of Simeon,

20 And Eliasaph son of Deuel was over the division of the tribe of Gad.

21 Then the Kohathites set out, carrying the holy things. (The tabernacle would be set up when they arrived.)

22 The divisions of the camp of Ephraim went next under his standard. Elishama son of Ammihud was in command.

23 Gamaliel son of Pedahzur was over the

division of the tribe of Menasheh,

24 And Abidan son of Gideon was over the division of the tribe of Benyamin.

25 Then the divisions of the camp of Dan set out under his standard. They formed the rear guard of all the camps. Ahiezer son of Ammishaddai was in command.

26 Pagiel son of Ocran was over the division of the tribe of Asher,

27 And Ahira son of Enan was over the division of the tribe of Naphtali.

28 This was the order of march for the children of Israyl, according to their divisions when they set out on their journey.

29 Now Mosheh said to Hobab *his brother-in-law*, the son of Reuel the Midianite, Mosheh's father-in-law; We are setting out for the place about which Yahweh said: I will give it to you. Come with us and we will treat you well; for Yahweh has promised great blessings upon Israyl.

30 But he said to him; I will not go, but I will return to my own land and to my kinsmen.

31 But Mosheh said; Please do not leave us. You know where we should camp in the desert, and you can be our eyes.

32 If you come with us we will share with you whatever blessings Yahweh gives us.

33 So they set out from the mountain of Yahweh and traveled for three days. The ark of the covenant of Yahweh went in front of them during those three days to search out a resting place for them.

34 And the cloud of Yahweh was above them by day when they went out from the camp.

35 And it was whenever the ark set out, Mosheh said; <sup>G2</sup>Rise up, O Yahweh! Let Your enemies be scattered, and let those who <sup>R1</sup>hate You flee in front of You.

36 Whenever it came to rest, he said; Return, O Yahweh, to the multitudes of the thousands of Israyl.

## CHAP. 11

Now the people complained about their hardships in the hearing of Yahweh, and it displeased Him; and His anger was aroused. So the fire of Yahweh burned among them and consumed *some* in the outskirts of the camp.

2 When the people cried out to Mosheh, he prayed to Yahweh, and the fire died down.

3 So that place was called Taberah; *that is*, Burning, because fire from Yahweh had burned among them.

4 The rabble of the mixed multitude with them began to crave other food, and again the children of Israyl started wailing, and said; If we only had meat to eat!

G1. When you rejoice that Yahweh has removed any plague.

G2. Declare Your might and power.

R1. These are those that hate Israyl, because whoever hates Yahweh Who created the worlds are those who conspire evil against Yahweh's people.

5 We remember the fish we ate in Egypt at no cost, also the cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions, and garlic.

6 But now we have lost our appetite. There is nothing we ever see but this manna!

7 Now the manna was like coriander seed, and its color like the color of bdellium; *white*.

8 The people went about and gathered it, ground it on millstones or beat it in the mortar, cooked it in pans, and made cakes of it; and its taste was like the taste of cakes made with olive oil.

9 When the dew fell on the camp in the night, the manna also came down.

10 Mosheh heard the people of every family wailing, everyone at the entrance of his tent, and the anger of Yahweh was greatly aroused. Mosheh also was displeased.

11 So Mosheh said to Yahweh; Why have You afflicted me, Your servant? What have I done to displease You, that You put the burden of all these people on me?

12 Did I conceive all these people? Did I give them birth? Why do You tell me to carry them in my arms, as a guardian carries a nursing child, to the land You promised on oath to their forefathers?

13 Where can I get meat for all these people? They keep wailing to me: Give us meat to eat!

14 I cannot carry all these people by myself. The burden is too heavy for me.

15 If this is how You are going to treat me, kill me right now, if I have found honor in Your sight, and do not let me see the failure of my hopes and efforts.

16 Yahweh said to Mosheh: Gather and bring to Me seventy men of the elders of Israyl, whom you know to be the leaders and officials among the people. Have them come to the Tent of Meeting, that they may stand there with you.

17 Then I will come down and talk with you there, <sup>G1</sup>and I will take of the Spirit that is upon you and will put *the same* upon them, and they shall bear the burden of the people with you, so you may not bear it yourself alone.

18 Then you shall say to the people; Consecrate and sanctify yourselves in preparation for tomorrow, when you will eat meat. Yahweh heard you when you wailed: If only we had meat to eat! We were better off in Egypt! Now Yahweh will give you meat, and you will eat it.

19 You shall not eat it for just one day, or two days, nor five, ten, or twenty days,

20 But for a whole moon! Until it comes out of your nostrils and becomes loathsome to you, because you have rejected Yahweh Who is among you and have wailed before Him saying: Why did we ever leave Egypt?

21 Mosheh said to Yahweh; Here I am among over 600,000 men on foot, and You say: I will give them meat to eat for a whole moon!

22 Would they have enough if flocks and herds were slaughtered for them? Would they have enough if all the fish in the sea were caught for them?

23 Then Yahweh answered Mosheh: <sup>1</sup>Is Yahweh's arm too short? You will now see whether or not what I say will come to pass for you or not.

24 So Mosheh went out and told the people the words of Yahweh, and he gathered the seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent.

25 Then Yahweh came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took of the Spirit that was upon him, and placed the same upon the seventy elders. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied, and did not cease.

26 However, two men whose names were Eldad and Medad, had remained in the camp. They were listed among the elders but did not go out to the tent. Yet the Spirit also rested on them, and they prophesied in the camp.

27 And a young man ran and told Mosheh and said; Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.

28 So Yahshua the son of Nun, Mosheh's assistant since his youth, said; My leader, Mosheh, <sup>G2</sup>stop them!

29 Then Mosheh said to him; Are you jealous for my sake? Oh, that all of Yahweh's people were prophets and that Yahweh would put His Spirit upon them!

30 Then Mosheh and the elders of Israyl returned to the camp.

31 Now a wind went out from Yahweh and it drove quail in from the sea. They flew down all around the camp to about two cubits; *that is, about 3 feet*, above the ground, as far as a day's walk in any direction.

32 And the people stayed up all that day and that night, and all the next day, and gathered the quail. No one gathered less than ten omers; *that is, probably about 60 bushels*. Then they spread them out all around the camp *drying them in the sun*.

33 But while the meat was still between their teeth, before it was chewed, the wrath of Yahweh was aroused against the people and Yahweh struck the people with a very great plague.

34 Therefore he called the name of that place Kibroth Hattaavah, *meaning*, Graves of Craving, because there they buried the people who had yielded to craving.

35 From Kibroth Hattaavah the people moved to Hazeroth, and camped at Hazeroth.

## CHAP. 12

**T**hen Miriam and Aaron spoke against Mo-

I. Verse 11:23—Isayah 59:1-2

G1. I will distribute My Spirit among them, as I have done to you.

G2. The Apostles asked Yahshua Messiah to do the same thing. Yahchanan Mark 9:38.



sheh because of the Ethiopian woman whom he had married; for he had married an Ethiopian woman.

2 And they said; Has Yahweh spoken only through Mosheh? Has He not spoken through us also? And Yahweh heard it.

3 (Now the man Mosheh was very <sup>G1</sup>humble, more than all men who were on the face of the earth.)

4 At once Yahweh said to Mosheh, Aaron, and Miriam: Come out, you three, to the Tent of Meeting! So the three of them came out.

5 Then Yahweh came down in the pillar of cloud and stood at the entrance to the Tent and summoned Aaron and Miriam. Both of them went forward,

6 And He said: Hear now My words: If there is a prophet among you, I, Yahweh, will reveal Myself to him in <sup>G2</sup>visions; I will speak to him in a dream.

7 Not so with My servant Mosheh. He is faithful in all My House.

8 I speak with him face to face, plainly and not in dark sayings; he sees the form of Yahweh. Why, then, were you not afraid to speak against My servant Mosheh?

9 So the anger of Yahweh burned against them; and He departed.

10 When the cloud departed from above the tabernacle, suddenly Miriam was leprous, as white as snow. Aaron turned toward Miriam, and saw that she had leprosy;

11 And he said to Mosheh; Oh, my brother! Please do not hold this sin against us, which we have so foolishly done.

12 Please do not let her be as a stillborn infant, whose flesh is half consumed when it comes out of its mother's womb!

13 So Mosheh cried out to Yahweh, saying; Please, heal her, O Yahweh, I pray!

14 Then Yahweh said to Mosheh: If her father had but spit in her face, would she not be shamed seven days? Let her be shut out of the camp seven days, and after that she may be brought back in.

15 So Miriam was confined outside the camp for seven days; and the people did not journey on until she had been brought back in.

16 After that, the people left Hazeroth, and camped in the Wilderness of Paran.

## CHAP. 13

**Y**ahweh spoke to Mosheh, saying:

2 Send men to spy out the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the children of Israyl. From each tribe of their ancestors, send one of their leaders.

3 So, at Yahweh's command, Mosheh sent them out from the Wilderness of Paran. All of them were leaders of the children of Israyl.

4 Now these were their names: From the tribe of Reuben, Shammua the son of Zaccur;

5 From the tribe of Simeon, Shaphat the son of Hori;

6 From the tribe of Yahdah, Caleb the son of Yephunneh;

7 From the tribe of Issachar, Igal the son of Yahseph;

8 From the tribe of Ephraim, Hoshea; *Yahshua*, the son of Nun;

9 From the tribe of Benjamin, Palti the son of Raphu;

10 From the tribe of Zebulun, Gaddiel the son of Sodi;

11 From the tribe of Yahseph; from the tribe of Menasheh, Gaddi the son of Susi;

12 From the tribe of Dan, Ammiel the son of Gemalli;

13 From the tribe of Asher, Sethur the son of Michael;

14 From the tribe of Naphtali, Nahbi the son of Vophsi;

15 From the tribe of Gad, Geuel the son of Machi.

16 These are the names of the <sup>G3</sup>men Mosheh sent to spy out the land. (And Mosheh gave Hoshea son of Nun the name *YAHSHUA*.)

17 When Mosheh sent them to spy out the land of Canaan, he said to them; Go up through the Negev, and on into the hill country.

18 See what the land is like, and whether the people who live there are strong or weak, few or many;

19 Whether the land they live in is fine or evil; whether the cities they inhabit are fortified or unfortified.

20 Whether the soil is fertile or poor; and whether there are forests there, or not. Be of great courage. Bring back some of the fruit of the land. Now the time was the season of the first ripe grapes.

21 So they went up and spied out the land, from the Wilderness of Zin as far as Rehob, near the entrance of Hamath.

22 They went up through the Negev, and came to Hebron, where Ahiman, Sheshai, and Talmai, the descendants of Anak lived. (Now <sup>G4</sup>Hebron was built seven years before Zoan in Egypt.)

23 When they reached the Valley of Eshcol; *Cluster*, they cut off a branch bearing a single cluster of grapes. Two of them carried it on a pole between them, along with some pomegranates and figs.

24 That place was called the Valley of Eshcol; *Valley of the Cluster*, because of the cluster of grapes the sons of Israyl cut off there.

25 At the end of forty days, they returned from spying out the land.

26 So they came back to Mosheh, and Aaron, and all the congregation of the children of

G1. Mosheh knew that Aaron and Miriam had grudges against him, but he remained kindly disposed to them, anyway.

G2. Normally, Yahweh will speak to His Prophets only through visions or dreams.

G3. One man for each of the twelve tribes.

G4. Abraham, Sarah, and Yaaqob were buried there.

R1. When they left to spy the land all but Caleb and Yahshua ben Nun had already decided to return with a negative report to Mosheh.

G1. These are Ahiman, Sheshai, and Talmai, whom Caleb killed later. Yahshua 15:14, Judges 1:10.

G2. The giants were so cruel that they spoiled and killed one another as well as those that came to them.

G3. That is; Those who were afraid of the giants.

G4. That is; They shall be a prey to these evil Canaanites.

R2. That is; Let us make us a god (el).  
G5. Lamenting and praying for the people.

G6. In sorrow, hearing the people's blasphemy.

G7. That is; We shall overcome them.

Israyl in the Wilderness of Paran, at Kadesh. They <sup>R1</sup>reported back word to them, and to all the congregation; and showed them the fruit of the land.

27 Then they gave Mosheh this account; We went to the land where you sent us, and it truly flows with milk and honey. This is its fruit.

28 But the people who live there are powerful, and the cities are fortified and very large. Also, we saw the descendants of <sup>G1</sup>Anak there.

29 The Amalekites live in the Negev; the Hittites, the Yebusites, and the Amorites live in the hill country; and the Canaanites live near the sea and along the Yarden.

30 Then Caleb silenced those people in front of Mosheh, and said; Let us go up at once and take possession, for we can certainly do it.

31 But the men who had gone up with him said; We are not able to attack those people! They are stronger than we are!

32 Thus they spread among the children of Israyl a bad report about the land they had spied out, saying; The land we spied out <sup>G2</sup>devours those living in it. All the people we saw there are of great size.

33 We saw Nephilim there (the descendants of Anak came from the Nephilim). We seemed like grasshoppers in our own sight, and we looked the same to them.

## CHAP. 14

Then all the congregation raised up their voices, and <sup>G3</sup>cried that night.

2 And all the children of Israyl murmured against Mosheh and Aaron, and the whole congregation said to them; If only we had died in Egypt! Or in this wilderness!

3 Why has Yahweh brought us to this land, only to let us die by the sword? Our wives and children will be taken as <sup>G4</sup>plunder. Would it not be better for us to return to Egypt?

4 So they said to one another; We should choose a <sup>R2</sup>leader; and go back to Egypt.

5 Then Mosheh and Aaron <sup>G5</sup>fell on their faces in front of all the children of Israyl gathered there,

6 And Yahshua ben Nun and Caleb ben Yephunneh, *who were* among those who had spied out the land, <sup>G6</sup>tore their clothes;

7 And they spoke to all the congregation of the children of Israyl, saying; The land we passed through, and spied out, is an exceedingly excellent land.

8 If Yahweh is pleased with us, He will lead us into that land, a land flowing with milk and honey, and He will give it to us.

9 Only do not rebel against Yahweh, and do not be afraid of those people. They are only so much <sup>G7</sup>dead meat. Their protection has left them, because Yahweh is with us. Do not fear them.

10 But the whole congregation spoke of

<sup>G8</sup>stoning them. Then the glory of Yahweh appeared in the Tent of Meeting in front of all the children of Israyl;

11 And Yahweh said to Mosheh: How long will these people reject Me? How long will they refuse to believe Me, <sup>R3</sup>with all of these signs I have performed among them?

12 I will strike them down with a plague, and disinherit them; and I will make of you a nation greater and mightier than they.

13 But Mosheh said to Yahweh; Then the Egyptians will hear *of it*, for by Your might; *Your strength, Your power*, You brought these people out from among them;

14 And they will tell the inhabitants of this land about it. They have already heard that You, O Yahweh, are with these people, and that You, O Yahweh, have been seen face to face; that Your cloud stays over them, and that You go before them in a pillar of cloud by day, and a pillar of fire by night.

15 Now, if You kill these people <sup>G9</sup>to a man, then the nations which have heard of Your fame, will speak about You, and say:

16 Yahweh was not able to bring these people into the land He promised them on oath, so He killed them in the wilderness.

17 Now may Yahweh's power be displayed, just as You have spoken, saying:

18 Yahweh is longsuffering and abundant in mercy, <sup>R4</sup>forgiving iniquity and transgression; *the breaking of His Laws*, but He by no means acquits *the guilty ones*. He will make it known *that* the diseases caused by the sexual sins *of* the fathers will be upon their children, to the third and fourth *generation*.

19 Forgive the iniquity of this people, I pray, just as You have forgiven this people, according to the greatness of Your mercy, since the time we have left Egypt.

20 Then Yahweh said: I have <sup>G10</sup>forgiven them, as you asked.

21 But as surely as I live, and as surely as the glory of Yahweh shall fill the whole earth:

22 Not one of the men who saw My glory, and the miraculous signs I performed in Egypt and in the wilderness; but who disobeyed Me, and put Me to the test these <sup>G11</sup>ten times—

23 Not one of them will ever see the land I promised on oath to their forefathers, nor shall any of those who rejected Me see it!

24 But because My servant Caleb has a different <sup>G12</sup>spirit in him, and has followed Me fully, I will bring him into the land where he went, and his descendants shall inherit it.

25 Since the Amalekites and Canaanites are <sup>G13</sup>living in the valleys, turn back tomorrow, and set out toward the <sup>G14</sup>wilderness, along the route to the Red Sea.

26 Then Yahweh spoke to Mosheh and Aaron, saying:

27 How long will this wicked congregation murmur against Me? I have heard their mur-

G8. This is the condition of those who stand up for Yahweh. They are persecuted.

R3. Because of all the signs and miracles Yahweh performed for them, the people should have believed that Yahweh possessed the ability to fulfill His promise.

G9. None will escape.

R4. Yahweh forgives those who truly repent, but He will not forgive those who do not repent.

G10. Yahweh did not utterly destroy the people, but, with the exception of Caleb and Yahshua ben Nun, He instead forced them to remain in the wilderness until all had died. Then, Yahweh allowed their children to enter the Promised land.

G11. That is; Many times.

G12. Caleb and Yahshua ben Nun had humble and obedient spirits rather than spirits of rebellion.

G13. They lie in wait for you.  
G14. For Yahweh would not defend them.

muring, which the children of Israyl murmur against Me;

28 So say to them; As surely as I live, says Yahweh: I will do to you the very things I heard you murmur about.

29 The bodies of you who murmured against Me shall fall in this wilderness—every one of you twenty years old or more who was counted in the census, and who has murmured.

30 Not one of you will enter the land I vowed with uplifted hands that I would let you live in, except for Caleb ben Yephunneh and Yahshua ben Nun.

31 As for your children you said would be taken as plunder: I will bring them in, and they shall have the land that you have despised and rejected.

32 But as for you, you will die in this wilderness!

33 Your sons will be <sup>G1</sup>shepherds in this wilderness forty years, suffering for your <sup>G2</sup>unfaithfulness, until the last of your bodies lies in this wilderness.

34 For forty years—one year for each of the forty days you spied out the land—you shall suffer for your guilt, and <sup>R1</sup>you shall know of My altering of My purpose concerning you.

35 I, Yahweh, have spoken; and I will surely do these things to this evil congregation, who are gathered together against Me. They will meet their end in this desert, and here they will be buried!

36 So the men Mosheh had sent to spy out the land, who returned and made the whole congregation murmur against him, by spreading a bad report concerning it;

37 These very men responsible for spreading the bad report about the land were struck down, and died of a plague in front of Yahweh.

38 Of all the men who went to spy out the land, only Yahshua ben Nun and Caleb ben Yephunneh remained alive.

39 When Mosheh told these words to all the children of Israyl, the people mourned greatly.

40 Early the next morning, they turned and went onward to the high hill country, and said; Here we are, we will go to the place Yahweh has promised! We have <sup>G3</sup>sinned!

41 Then Mosheh said; Why are you transgressing; *disobeying*, Yahweh's command to turn southward? <sup>R2</sup>This will not succeed.

42 Do not go up, because Yahweh is not with you. You will be defeated by your enemies,

43 For the Amalekites and the Canaanites will stand against you, and you will die by the sword. Because you have turned away from Yahweh, Yahweh will not be with you.

44 Nevertheless, in their <sup>G4</sup>presumption, they went up toward the high hill country, but nei-

ther Mosheh nor the ark of Yahweh's covenant moved from the camp.

45 Then the Amalekites and the Canaanites, who lived in that hill country, came down and attacked them, driving them back all the way to Hormah.

## CHAP. 15

**Y**ahweh spoke to Mosheh, saying:

2 Speak to the children of Israyl, and say to them; When you have come into the <sup>G5</sup>land I am giving you to live in,

3 And you present offerings made by fire to Yahweh, from the herd or the flock, as an aroma pleasing to Yahweh—whether burnt offerings or sacrifices, for special vows, freewill offerings, or offerings in your solemn Feasts—

4 The one who presents his offering shall also present to Yahweh a grain offering of one tenth of an ephah; *about 2 quarts*, of fine flour mixed with one-fourth of a hin; *about 1 quart*, of oil.

5 With each lamb for the burnt offering or the sacrifice, *also* prepare one-fourth of a hin of wine; *about 1 quart of wine*.

6 With each ram, prepare two-tenths of an ephah; *about 4 quarts*, of fine flour mixed with one-third of a hin; *about 1 1/4 quarts*, of oil,

7 And *also* one-third of a hin of wine as a drink offering. Offer these as an aroma pleasing to Yahweh.

8 When you prepare a young bull as a burnt offering or sacrifice, for a special vow, or a peace offering to Yahweh,

9 Bring with *each* bull a grain offering of three-tenths of an ephah; *about 6 quarts*, of fine flour mixed with one-half a hin; *about 2 quarts*, of oil.

10 Also bring one-half a hin of wine as a drink offering. This will be an offering made by fire, as an aroma pleasing to Yahweh.

11 Each bull or ram, each lamb or young goat, is to be prepared according to this manner.

12 Do this for each offering, for as many offerings as you sacrifice.

13 All who are native-born must do these things in this manner, when he brings an offering to Yahweh made by fire, as a pleasing aroma.

14 Whenever a stranger, or whoever is among you throughout your generations, presents an offering made by fire as an aroma pleasing to Yahweh, he must do exactly as you do.

15 One ordinance shall be for you of the congregation, and for the stranger who sojourns with you, as an ordinance forever throughout your generations. As you are, so shall the stranger be in front of Yahweh.

16 One Law and one manner shall be for you

G1. They shall wander like shepherds, to and fro.  
G2. That is; your infidelity and disobedience against Yahweh.

R1. You shall realize that you have removed your heart from following Yahweh.

G3. The people finally confessed that they had sinned by disobeying Yahweh, but they never considered that they further offended by going up without Yahweh's command.  
R2. What you are about to do will not be successful.

G4. The people could not be held back by any means.

G5. That is; Into the land of Canaan.

a. Word #1481, Hebrew Dictionary, *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance*, meaning: turn aside from the road (for lodging or any other purpose), sojourn, as a guest. See also Isaiah 56:1.

and for the stranger who <sup>a</sup>sojourns with you.

17 Yahweh spoke to Mosheh, saying:

18 Speak to the children of Israyl, and say to them; When you come into the land to which I am taking you, *as soon as you enter upon the soil of the Promised Land, even before you have subjugated the enemy there, and are settled down in comfort,*

19 When you eat of the food of the land, present a portion as an offering to Yahweh; *terumah; that which is lifted off, or separated to the requirements of the sanctuary.*

20 Present a cake from the first of your ground meal and present it as an offering from the threshing floor.

21 Throughout your generations you shall give this offering to Yahweh from the first of your ground meal.

22 Now if you sin <sup>G1</sup>unintentionally, and do not observe all these Laws which Yahweh has spoken to Mosheh—

23 <sup>R1</sup>Any of Yahweh's Laws given to you through him, from the day Yahweh gave them and continuing throughout your generations—

24 And if this is unintentionally committed without the knowledge of the congregation, then the whole congregation is to offer a young bull for a burnt offering as an aroma pleasing to Yahweh, along with its prescribed grain offering and its prescribed drink offering, and a male goat for a sin offering.

25 So the priest shall make atonement for the whole congregation of the children of Israyl, and it shall be forgiven them, for it was unintentional and they have brought to Yahweh for their wrong an offering made by fire and a sin offering.

26 The whole congregation of the children of Israyl and the stranger living among them will be forgiven, because all the people were involved in the unintentional *sin*.

27 But if just one person sins unintentionally, then he shall bring a female goat of the first year for a sin offering.

28 So the priest shall make atonement for the person who sins unintentionally in front of Yahweh, to make atonement for him: and it shall be forgiven him.

29 You shall have one Law for him who sins unintentionally, whether he is native born among the children of Israyl or whether he is the stranger who sojourns among them.

30 But the person who sins presumptuously and defiantly, whether he is native-born or is a stranger, that one brings reproach on Yahweh and blasphemes Him. That person must be cut off from his people.

31 Because he has despised the word of Yahweh and <sup>b</sup>broken His Laws, that person must surely be cut off, and his <sup>G2</sup>guilt shall be upon his own head.

G1. By oversight or ignorance.

R1. Godworship (the worship of elohim) is the same as failure to abide by all that is written in the Law and the Prophets. See also Luke 24:25-27.

b. When the Apostle Yahchanan said that sin is the transgression of Yahweh's Law (1 Yahchanan 3:4), this is the scripture in Yahweh's Law Yahchanan was quoting. G2. He shall sustain the punishment that is upon him.

32 While the children of Israyl were in the wilderness, they found a man gathering sticks on the Sabbath Day.

33 And <sup>R2</sup>those who found him gathering sticks brought him to Mosheh and Aaron, and to all the congregation.

34 They kept him in custody because it was not clear what should be done to him.

35 Then Yahweh said to Mosheh: The man must surely be put to death; all the congregation shall stone him with stones outside the camp.

36 So the congregation took *the man* outside the camp and stoned him to death, just as Yahweh commanded Mosheh.

37 Yahweh spoke to Mosheh, saying:

38 Speak to the children of Israyl; Tell them to make tassels: <sup>R3</sup>Tzitzit, on the 'corners of their garments: Tallits, throughout their generations, and to put a cord of blue in each tassel; Tzitzit.

39 And you shall have the tassel (the Tzitzit), that you may look upon it and <sup>R4</sup>remember all the Laws of Yahweh and do them; so that you do not follow after the lusts of your own 'heart and your own eyes, after which you used to go <sup>G3</sup>whoring.

40 By doing this, you may remember and do all My Laws, 'thus becoming 'holy to your Father.

41 I am Yahweh, your Father Who brought you out of the land of Egypt to be your Father. <sup>R5</sup>I am Yahweh, Your Heavenly Father.

## CHAP. 16

Now Korah son of Izhar, the descendant of Kohath son of Levi, and certain descendants of Reuben; Dathan and Abiram the sons of Eliab, and On the son of Peleth, used, and won *men*,

2 And they rose up against Mosheh. With them were 250 leaders of the congregation of the children of Israyl, representatives of the congregation, men of renown.

3 They gathered together to oppose Mosheh and Aaron, and said to them; <sup>R6,G4</sup>You have gone too far! The whole congregation is holy, <sup>G5</sup>every one of them, and Yahweh is with them. Why then do you exalt yourselves and set yourselves above Yahweh's assembly?

4 When Mosheh heard this, he fell downward on his face;

5 Then he said to Korah and all his followers; Tomorrow morning Yahweh will show who is His and who is holy, and *He* will have that person come near him. The man He chooses He will cause to come near him.

6 You, Korah, and all those that follow you, are to do this. Take censers;

7 And tomorrow put fire in them and put incense in them in front of Yahweh. The man

R2. This man was warned not to do this, and yet he did not refrain from picking up sticks even after he had been warned. Leviticus 19:17-19, Mattithyah 18:15-17, Titus 3:9-10.

R3. This tassel is called *tzitzit* because of the threads that hang down from it. This word denotes something that is to be looked at. See also Numbers 15:39.

c. The four corners of the Tallit, on which are tied the *tzitzit*, are reminders of the four acts of power Yahweh did when He delivered the children of Israyl from the land of Egypt. I. Yahweh brought the children of Israyl forth from under the yoke of the Egyptians. II. Yahweh delivered the children of Israyl from the Egyptians' yoke of bondage. III. Yahweh redeemed the children of Israyl with an outstretched arm. IV. Yahweh took out the children of Israyl to be His people. Exodus 6:6-7.

R4. The *tzitzit* will remind one of all of Yahweh's Laws because the numerical value of the Hebrew letters of the word *tzitzit* (צִיִּצִית) is six hundred (צ=90, י=10, ז=90, י=10, ת=400 for a total, when added, of 600). Then, there are eight threads and five knots in the *tzitzit*, so that, when these two numbers (8 and 5) are added to the number 600 (which is the numerical value of the Hebrew word *tzitzit* [צִיִּצִית]), there is a total of six hundred and thirteen (613). This number six hundred and thirteen (613) is the number of Yahweh's Laws written in the Torah.

d. He who relies upon what his heart tells him is a fool. Proverbs 28:26.

G3. By leaving Yahweh's Laws and leaning on your own understanding.

e. Hebrew conjunction *waw*. Traditionally translated *and*. *The Hebrew Tongue Restored* by Fabre d'Olivet, Pages 112-113, shows this word is correctly translated *thus*.

f. One becomes holy by keeping Yahweh's Laws.

R5. Why is this statement repeatedly spoken in the Holy Scriptures? Is it not in order that Yahweh's people should keep Yahweh's Laws and thus receive the reward?

R6. You have taken more than you have the right to take in your office.

G4. You have abused us too long.

G5. The wicked who oppose Yahweh's Laws also oppose those whom Yahweh has placed in the offices of Elder or Priest. These wicked ones are always saying: All of us are holy! Therefore none should be preferred above the other.



G1. Mosheh shows that Korah, Dathan, and Abiram are guilty of the very charges they wrongfully and falsely laid against him.

G2. To serve in the congregation.

G3. Thus, they spoke contemptuously, preferring Egypt to the Promised Land.

G4. Will you make those who searched the land believe that they did not see what they saw?  
R1. Mosheh was extremely grieved.

G5. At the door of the Tabernacle.

G6. All who followed them.

whom Yahweh chooses will be the one who is holy. <sup>G1</sup>You sons of Levi are the ones who have gone too far!

8 Then Mosheh said to Korah; Hear now, you sons of Levi:

9 Does it seem like a small thing to you that Yahweh the Father of Israyl has set you apart from the congregation of Israyl and brought you near to Himself, to do the work of the tabernacle of Yahweh, and to stand before the congregation to minister to them?

10 Does it seem like a small thing that He has brought you, and all your brothers of the Levites with you, <sup>G2</sup>near Himself? Is that why you are seeking the priesthood also?

11 It is Yahweh that you and all your followers have gathered together against, for what is Aaron, that you murmur against him?

12 Then Mosheh summoned Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, *descendants of Reuben*. But they said; We will not come!

13 Isn't it enough that you have brought us <sup>G3</sup>out of a land flowing with milk and honey, to kill us in the wilderness? And now you also want to keep acting like a prince over us!

14 Moreover, you have not taken us into a land flowing with milk and honey, and you have not given us an inheritance of fields and vineyards. You are <sup>G4</sup>deceiving everyone! No, we will not come!

15 Then Mosheh became very <sup>R1</sup>angry, and said to Yahweh; Do not accept their offering! I have not taken so much as a donkey from them, nor have I wronged any one of them!

16 Mosheh said to Korah; You and all of those who follow you, are to appear <sup>G5</sup>before Yahweh tomorrow—you and your company, as well as Aaron.

17 Each of you is to take his censer, and put incense in it—250 censers in all—and present it in front of Yahweh. You and Aaron are to present your censers also.

18 So each man took his censer, put fire in it, laid incense on the fire, and stood at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting.

19 And Korah gathered all the <sup>G6</sup>congregation against them at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting; and the glory of Yahweh appeared to all the congregation,

20 And Yahweh spoke to Mosheh and Aaron, saying:

21 Separate yourselves from among this congregation, so I may consume them completely!

22 Then they fell face downward, and cried out: O Yahweh, Distinguisher of those who are guilty and those who are misled, shall one man sin, and You be angry with the whole congregation?

23 Then Yahweh said to Mosheh:

24 Speak to the congregation, saying; Move away from the tents of Korah, Dathan, and

Abiram.

25 Then Mosheh rose and went to Dathan and Abiram, and the elders of Israyl followed him.

26 He spoke to the congregation, warning them; Move back from the tents of these wicked men! Touch nothing of theirs or you will be consumed because of the <sup>G7</sup>multitude of their sins!

27 So they moved away from around the tents of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram. Then Dathan and Abiram came out and were standing at the entrances to their tents with their wives, their sons, and their children.

28 Then Mosheh said; By this you will know that Yahweh has sent me to do all these things and that it was not done of my own <sup>G8</sup>will:

29 If these men die a natural death, and experience only that which usually comes to pass against men, then Yahweh has not sent me.

30 But if Yahweh creates a <sup>G9</sup>new thing, and the earth opens its mouth and swallows them up, along with all that belongs to them, and they go down alive into their grave, then you will understand these men have rejected Yahweh.

31 As soon as he finished speaking all these words, the ground split apart underneath them,

32 And the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up, along with their households, and all Korah's men and all their possessions *were swallowed up with them*.

33 They and all those with them went down alive into their grave. The earth closed over them, and they perished from among the congregation.

34 At their cries, all Israyl around them fled, shouting; The earth will swallow us too!

35 And a fire came out from Yahweh and consumed the 250 men who were offering incense.

36 Then Yahweh spoke to Mosheh, saying:

37 Tell Eleazar son of Aaron, the priest, to take the censers out of the smoldering remains, for they are holy. Scatter the burning coals in the censers far away from the altar.

38 The censers of the men who <sup>R2</sup>sinned at the <sup>G10</sup>cost of their lives have become holy, for these were presented in front of Yahweh. Hammer these censers into sheets to overlay the altar, and they shall be <sup>G11</sup>a sign to the children of Israyl.

39 So Eleazar the priest collected the bronze censers which those who were burned up had presented, and he had them hammered out to overlay the bronze altar,

40 Just as Yahweh commanded him <sup>R3</sup>through Mosheh. This was to be a memorial remembrance to the children of Israyl that no one except a descendant of Aaron should come to burn incense in front of Yahweh, or he would become like <sup>G12</sup>Korah and his followers.

G7. With those who have committed all these sins.

G8. I did not do all these things of my own mind.

G9. Something different.

R2. They became willing transgressors against their own lives because they rebelled against Yahweh.  
G10. Their sins were the reason for their deaths.  
G11. Of Yahweh's judgment against rebels. See Yechetzqyah 20:38.

R3. Yahweh had told Mosheh that Aaron and his sons were to be the Priests. No one else had this right.

G12. Who usurped authority.



41 On the next day all the congregation of the children of Israyl murmured against Mosheh and Aaron, saying; You have killed the people of Yahweh!

42 But when the congregation gathered in opposition to Mosheh and Aaron, and turned toward the Tent of Meeting, suddenly the cloud covered it, and the glory of Yahweh appeared.

43 Then Mosheh and Aaron went to the front of the Tent of Meeting.

44 And Yahweh spoke to Mosheh, saying:

45 Get away from among this congregation, that I may consume them completely! And they fell downward on their faces.

46 Then Mosheh said to Aaron; Take your censer, and put fire in it from the <sup>G1</sup>altar! Put incense upon the fire, and quickly take it to the congregation, and make atonement for them; for wrath has gone out from Yahweh. The plague has begun.

47 Then Aaron took it, as Mosheh commanded, and ran into the midst of the congregation. The <sup>G2</sup>plague had already started among the people, but Aaron offered the incense, and made atonement for them.

48 And he stood between the dead and the living, and the <sup>G3</sup>plague stopped.

49 But 14,700 people died from the plague, in addition to those who had died because of Korah.

50 Then Aaron returned to Mosheh at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting, for the plague had stopped.

## CHAP. 17

**Y**ahweh spoke to <sup>G4</sup>Mosheh, saying:

2 Speak to the children of Israyl, and get twelve staffs from them, one from the leaders of each of their ancestral tribes. Write the name of each man on his staff.

3 Write Aaron's name on the staff of Levi, for there shall be one staff for the head of each ancestral tribe.

4 Place them in the Tent of Meeting in front of the Testimony, where I meet with you.

5 The staff belonging to the man I <sup>G5</sup>choose will sprout, and I will rid Myself of this constant murmuring against you by the children of Israyl.

6 So Mosheh spoke to the children of Israyl, and each of their leaders gave him one staff each; twelve staffs in all, one for each leader of their ancestral tribes, and Aaron's staff was among them.

7 And Mosheh placed the staffs before Yahweh, *in front of Yahweh* in the Tent of Meeting.

8 The next day Mosheh entered the Tent of Meeting in front of the Testimony, and saw that <sup>G6</sup>Aaron's staff, which represented the house of Levi, had not only sprouted, but had budded,

blossomed, and produced almonds.

9 Then Mosheh brought out all the staffs from in front of Yahweh, to all the children of Israyl. They looked at them; and each man took his own staff.

10 And Yahweh said to Mosheh: Put back Aaron's staff in front of the Testimony, to be kept as a sign against the rebels, that you may put their <sup>G7</sup>murmurings away from Me, so that they will not die.

11 Thus Mosheh did just as Yahweh had commanded him. So he did.

12 And the children of Israyl spoke to Mosheh, saying; <sup>G8</sup>We will die! Surely we are lost! We are lost!

13 Anyone who even comes near the tabernacle of Yahweh will die. Are we all going to die?

## CHAP. 18

**T**hen <sup>R1</sup>Yahweh said to Aaron: You and your sons, and your ancestral tribe with you, are to bear the <sup>G9</sup>responsibility for the sins against the Sanctuary; and you and your sons, alone, are to bear the responsibility for the sins against the Priesthood.

2 Bring with you your brothers of the tribe of Levi, the tribe of your ancestors, to join you and <sup>R2</sup>assist you when you and your sons minister in front of the Tent of the Testimony.

3 They are to be <sup>G10</sup>responsible to you, and are to perform all the duties of the Tent; but they must not go near the furnishings of the Holy Place or the altar, or both they and you will die.

4 They are to join you, and be responsible for the care of the Tent of Meeting; all the work at the Tent. And <sup>G11</sup>no one else may come near where you are.

5 You are to be responsible for the care of the Sanctuary and the altar, so that wrath will not fall on the children of Israyl again.

6 I, Myself, have chosen your brothers, the Levites, from among the children of Israyl as a gift to you, given by Yahweh to do the work of the Tent of Meeting.

7 But only you and your sons may serve as priests in connection with everything at the altar and behind the Veil; *in the Holy Place and the Holy of Holies*, and you shall serve. I am giving you the service of the priesthood as a gift. Anyone else who comes near the Sanctuary must be put to death.

8 Then Yahweh said to Aaron: I, Myself, have put you in charge of the <sup>G12</sup>offerings presented to Me; *terumah*. All the holy offerings the children of Israyl give to Me, I give to you and to your sons, as your portion and regular share.

9 You are to have the part of the most holy offerings kept back and reserved from the fire.

G1. It was not Lawful to take any other fire but the fire of the altar of burnt offering. Leviticus 10:1.

G2. Yahweh had begun to punish the people.

G3. Yahweh drew back His hand and ceased to punish them.

G4. While he was in the door of the Tabernacle.

G5. To be the High Priest.

G6. To declare that Yahweh did choose the house of Levi to serve Him in the Tabernacle.

G7. Their grudging that Aaron should be High Priest.

G8. The Targums describe these murmurings; We die by the sword. The earth swallows us up. Pestilence consumes us.

R1. Yahweh told Mosheh to give this warning to Aaron. G9. If you trespass in any thing concerning the ceremonies of the Sanctuary or your office, you shall be punished.

R2. By guarding the Sanctuary (later the Temple) gates and by appointing from among them keepers of the Sanctuary treasury and superintendents over these. G10. That is; The things which are committed to you.

G11. Who is not of the tribe of Levi.

G12. The firstfruits, first-born, and tithes.

From all the gifts they bring to Me as most holy offerings; from every grain offering, from every sin offering, and from every trespass offering which they give to Me, that part belongs to you and to your sons.

10 In a most holy place you shall eat it; every male shall eat it. You must regard it as holy.

11 This is also yours: Whatever is set aside from the gifts of all the wave offerings of the children of Israyl, I give this to you and to your sons and daughters as your regular share. Everyone in your household who is ceremonially clean may eat it.

12 I give you all the <sup>G1</sup>finest olive oil, and all the finest new wine, and the grain they give to Yahweh as the firstfruits of their harvest.

13 All the first ripe fruit in their land, which they bring to Yahweh, shall be yours. Everyone in your household who is ceremonially clean may eat it.

14 Everything in Israyl that is devoted to Yahweh; *cherem*, is yours.

15 The first offspring of every womb, both man and animal, that is offered to Yahweh is yours. But you must redeem every firstborn son and every firstborn male of unclean animals.

16 When those devoted things; *your firstborn son who opens the womb or the firstborn of your unclean animals*, are <sup>a</sup>one moon of age, you must redeem them at the redemption price set at five shekels; *about 2 ounces*, of silver, according to the sanctuary shekel, which weighs twenty gerahs; *about 50 gerahs to the ounce*.

17 But you must not redeem the <sup>G2</sup>firstborn of an ox, a sheep, or a goat; they are holy. Sprinkle their blood on the altar and burn their fat as an aroma made by fire to Yahweh as a pleasing aroma.

18 Their meat is to be yours, just as the breast of the wave offering and the right thigh are yours.

19 Whatever is set aside from the holy offerings the children of Israyl present to Yahweh, I give to you and your sons and daughters as your regular share by an ordinance forever. It is a <sup>G3</sup>covenant of salt forever in front of Yahweh, with you and your descendants with you.

20 Then Yahweh said to Aaron: You shall have no inheritance in their <sup>G4</sup>land, nor shall you have any portion among them. I am your Portion and your Inheritance among the children of Israyl.

21 See, I give the children of Levi all the tithes; *the tenth*, in Israyl as their inheritance in return for the work they perform and do while serving at the Tent of Meeting.

22 From now on the children of Israyl must not <sup>G5</sup>go near the Tent of Meeting, or they will bear the consequences of their sin, and they will die.

23 It is the Levites who shall perform and do the work of the Tent of Meeting, and bear the <sup>G6</sup>responsibility for offense and sin against it. It shall be a statute forever throughout your generations, that among the children of Israyl, *Levi* shall have no inheritance.

24 Instead, I give to the Levites as their inheritance the tithes that the children of Israyl present as an offering to Yahweh. That is why I said concerning them; They will have no inheritance among the children of Israyl.

25 Then Yahweh spoke to Mosheh, saying:

26 Speak this to the Levites, and say to them; When you take the <sup>b</sup>tenth from the children of Israyl, which I have given to you from them as your inheritance, then you must present a tenth of that tithe as an offering; *terumah*, to Yahweh.

27 And your offering; *terumah*, shall be reckoned to you as though it were the grain of the threshing floor and as the fullness of the winepress.

28 In this way you shall also offer an offering; *terumah*, to Yahweh from all your tithes you receive from the children of Israyl. From these tithes you must give Yahweh's portion; *the first tithe*, to Aaron the priest.

29 You must present as Yahweh's portion; *the tenth*, the <sup>G7</sup>best and holiest part of everything that has been given to you.

30 You shall say to the Levites; When you have presented the best part, it will be accounted to you as if it were the increase of the threshing floor or the winepress.

31 You and your households may eat the rest of it any where, for it is your wages for your work at the Tent of Meeting.

32 By presenting the best part of it you will not be guilty of *sin by eating and enjoying the produce of the threshing floor and winepress as and when you please*. But you must not defile the <sup>G8</sup>holy offerings of the children of Israyl, or you will die.

## CHAP. 19

**Y**ahweh spoke to Mosheh and Aaron, saying:

2 This is a statute of the Law Yahweh has commanded, saying: Speak to the children of Israyl and tell them to bring you a <sup>1</sup>red heifer without blemish or defect, and that has never been under a yoke; *never having been used for secular purposes*.

3 Give it to Eleazar the priest; it is to be taken outside the camp and slaughtered in front of him.

4 Then Eleazar the priest is to take some of its blood with his finger, and sprinkle some of its blood seven times toward the front of the

1. Verse 19:2—Hebrew *Parah Adumah*: The Ashes Of The Red Heifer were placed in the water of purification, used in the cleansing of those who were ritually defiled because of contact with a corpse.

G1. The choicest and the best.

a. From one month.

G2. Because they are appointed for sacrifice.

G3. That is; Sure, stable, and incorruptible.

G4. Of Canaan.

G5. To serve in the Sanctuary. The Levites were put in their place.

G6. If they fail in their office, they will be punished.

b. The First Tithe.

G7. Which you have received from the children of Israyl.

G8. The offerings the children of Israyl have offered to Yahweh.

Tent of Meeting.

5 While he watches, the heifer shall be burned in his sight. Its hide, its flesh, its blood, and its offal shall be burned.

6 The priest is to take some cedar wood, hyssop, and scarlet wool, and throw them onto the burning heifer.

7 After that, the priest must wash his clothes and bathe himself with water. He shall be ceremonially unclean until sunset, and afterwards he may then come into the camp.

8 And the one who burns it shall wash his clothes and bathe himself in water, and he shall be unclean until sunset.

9 Then a man who is clean shall gather up the Ashes Of The Red Heifer and put them in a ceremonially clean place outside the camp. They shall be kept by them for the congregation of the children of Israyl for the water of purification from impurity. It is for purifying from sin.

10 The man who gathers up the Ashes Of The Red Heifer must also wash his clothes, and he also will be unclean until sunset. It shall be a statute forever to the children of Israyl and to the stranger who dwells among them.

11 He who touches the dead body of anyone shall be unclean seven days.

12 He must purify himself with the water of the red heifer on the third day and on the seventh day; then he will be clean. But if he does not purify himself on the third day and on the seventh day, he will not be clean.

13 Whoever touches the dead body of anyone and fails to purify himself, defiles the tabernacle of Yahweh. That person shall be cut off from Israyl. He shall remain unclean, because the water of purification was not sprinkled on him. His uncleanness is still on him.

14 This is the Law that applies when a person dies in a tent; anyone who enters the tent and anyone who is in it will be unclean for seven days,

15 And every open vessel, which has no lid fastened on it, is unclean.

16 Anyone out in the open who touches someone who has been killed with a sword, or someone who has died a natural death, or anyone who touches a human bone or a grave, will be unclean for seven days.

17 And for the unclean person, put some ashes from the <sup>G1</sup>burned purification offering into a jar and pour fresh water over them.

18 Then a <sup>G2</sup>man who is ceremonially clean is to take some hyssop, dip it into the *purifying* water, and sprinkle the tent and all the furnishings and the people who were there. He must also sprinkle anyone who has touched a human bone or a grave of someone who has been killed or someone who has died a natural death.

19 The man who is clean is to sprinkle the unclean person on the third day and on the

seventh day, and on the seventh day he is to purify him. The person being cleansed must wash his clothes and bathe with water, and at sunset he will be clean.

20 But the man who is unclean and does not purify himself, that person shall be cut off from among the congregation, because he has defiled the sanctuary of Yahweh. The water of purification has not been sprinkled on him, and he is unclean.

21 This is a perpetual statute for them. The man who sprinkles the water of purification must also wash his clothes, and anyone who touches the water of purification will be unclean until sunset.

22 Anything that an unclean person touches becomes unclean, and anyone who touches <sup>G3</sup>the unclean becomes unclean until sunset.

G3. Or who is unclean.

## CHAP. 20

**T**he whole congregation of the children of Israyl came into the Wilderness of Zin in the First Moon, and they stayed at Kadesh. Miriam died there and was buried there.

2 Now there was no water for the congregation, and the people gathered in opposition to Mosheh and Aaron.

3 They quarreled and contended with Mosheh, and said; If only we had died when our brothers fell dead in front of Yahweh!

4 Why did you bring the congregation of Yahweh into this wilderness, that we and our livestock should die here?

5 Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to this terrible place? It has no grain, no figs, no grapevines, no pomegranates, and there is no water to drink!

6 Mosheh and Aaron went from the presence of the congregation, to the entrance of the Tent of Meeting, and they fell downward on their faces, and the glory of Yahweh appeared to them.

7 Yahweh said to Mosheh:

8 Take the <sup>G4</sup>staff, and you and your brother Aaron gather the congregation together. While they are watching you, speak to that rock and it will pour out its water. You will bring water out of the rock for the community so they and their livestock can drink.

9 So Mosheh took the staff from in front of Yahweh, as He commanded him,

10 And Mosheh and Aaron gathered the congregation together in front of the rock. Then *Mosheh* said to them; Hear now, you rebels! Must we bring you water out of this rock?

11 Then Mosheh raised his arm and struck the rock twice with his staff. Water gushed out, and *all* the congregation and their livestock drank.

12 Then Yahweh spoke to Mosheh and Aaron: Because you did not trust and believe Me enough to <sup>G5</sup>honor Me as Holy in the sight

G4. With which you did miracles in Egypt, and parted the Red Sea.

G5. That the children of Israyl should believe Yahweh's power and thus honor Him.

G1. The red heifer.

G2. One of the Priests who is clean.

R1. For had you spoken to the rock and it had brought forth water, I would have been sanctified before the whole congregation.

G1. That is; Strife or Contention.

G2. By showing Himself to be Almighty, and maintaining His glory.

G3. Yaaqob was Esau's brother. Genesis 25:25-26

of the children of Israyl, <sup>R1</sup>therefore you will not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them.

13 These were the waters of <sup>G1</sup>Meribah; *meaning*, Quarreling or Contention, where the children of Israyl quarreled with Yahweh and where He showed Himself <sup>G2</sup>Holy among them.

14 Mosheh sent messengers from Kadesh to the king of <sup>G3</sup>Edom, saying: This is what your brother Israyl says: You know about all the hardships that have come upon us.

15 Our forefathers went down into Egypt, and we lived there many years. The Egyptians afflicted us and our fathers.

16 When we cried out to Yahweh, He heard our cry and sent the malak and brought us up out of Egypt. Now here we are in Kadesh, a city on the edge of your territory.

17 Please let us pass through your country. We will not go through any field or vineyard, or drink water from any well. We will travel along the king's highway and will not turn to the right or to the left until we have passed through your country.

18 But Edom answered him; You may not pass through my land. If you try, we will march out and attack you with the sword.

19 So the children of Israyl said to him; We will go along the main road, and if we or our livestock drink any of your water, we will pay for it. We only want to pass through on foot, nothing more.

20 But they replied again; You may not pass through. Then Edom came out against them with a large and powerful army.

21 Because Edom refused to let them go through their territory, Israyl then <sup>G4</sup>turned away from him.

22 Then the whole congregation of the children of Israyl left Kadesh and came to Mount Hor.

23 And Yahweh spoke to Mosheh and Aaron in Mount Hor near the border of Edom, saying:

24 Aaron shall be gathered to his people. He will not enter the land I give the children of Israyl, because both of you rebelled against My command at the waters of Meribah.

25 Get Aaron and his son Eleazar and take them up Mount Hor.

26 Remove Aaron's garments and put them on his son Eleazar, because Aaron will be gathered to his people. He will die there.

27 So Mosheh did just as Yahweh commanded, and they went up to Mount Hor in the sight of all the congregation.

28 Mosheh removed the <sup>R2</sup>garments from Aaron and put them on Eleazar his son. And Aaron died there on top of the mountain. Then Mosheh and Eleazar came down from the mountain.

29 When all the congregation learned that Aaron was dead, all the house of Israyl mourned for Aaron thirty days.

## CHAP. 21

When the king of Arad, the <sup>R3</sup>Canaanite who lived in the Negev, heard that Israyl was coming along the road to Atharim, he attacked the children of Israyl and captured some of them.

2 Then Israyl made this vow to Yahweh; <sup>R4</sup>If You will deliver these people into our hands, we will completely destroy their cities.

3 Yahweh listened to Israyl's plea, and delivered up the Canaanites. They utterly destroyed them and their cities; *cherem*. So the name of that place was called Hormah; *meaning*, Utter Destruction.

4 Then they journeyed from Mount Hor, by the way of the Red Sea, to <sup>G5</sup>go around the land of Edom. But the people grew impatient along the way;

5 <sup>R5</sup>They spoke against Yahweh, and against Mosheh, and said; Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in this wilderness? There is no bread! There is no water! And we detest this <sup>G6</sup>miserable food!

6 And Yahweh sent <sup>R6</sup>venomous snakes among them; they bit the people, and many of the people of Israyl died.

7 So the people came to Mosheh, and said; We have sinned when we spoke against Yahweh and against you. Pray that Yahweh will take the snakes away from us. <sup>R7</sup>So Mosheh prayed for the people.

8 And Yahweh said to Mosheh: Make a snake, and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it, and live.

9 So Mosheh made a bronze snake, and put it up on a pole. And when anyone was bitten by a snake, and looked at the bronze snake, he lived.

10 Then the children of Israyl moved on, and camped in Oboth.

11 Then they set out from Oboth, and camped in Iye Abarim, in the wilderness which is east of Moab, toward the sunrise.

12 From there they moved on, and camped in the Valley of Zered.

13 They set out from there, and camped alongside the Arnon, which is in the wilderness extending into the territory of the Amorites. The Arnon is the border of Moab, between Moab and the Amorites.

14 That is why the Book of the Wars of Yahweh says; Waheb in Suphah and the ravines, the Arnon,

15 And the slope of the ravines that reaches to the dwelling of Ar, and lies on the border of Moab.

16 From there, they continued on to Be'er,

R3. The Canaanites heard that Aaron had died. Thinking that the children of Israyl would be in turmoil because of the loss of Aaron, and that the children of Israyl would be mourning Aaron's death rather than being in a state of readiness, the Canaanites attacked.

R4. At least a part of the Canaanite force that attacked the children of Israyl was in actual fact Amalekites passing themselves off as Canaanites. These Amalekites thought that if they could deceive the children of Israyl into thinking that they were Canaanites, the children of Israyl would call upon Yahweh to destroy the Canaanites, but nothing would be said about the destruction of the Amalekites. The children of Israyl thwarted the Amalekites' plans and deception by calling on Yahweh to destroy all of their enemies, and not just the Canaanites. As a result, Yahweh delivered up for destruction the entire Canaanite army, including the Amalekites that were in it, as well as all their cities and towns.

G5. For they were forbidden to destroy it.

R5. The people acted as if they were equal to Yahweh and Mosheh.

G6. They thought the manna was not nourishing.

R6. Yahweh said as it were; Let the serpent, which was punished for slanderous statements come and exact punishment from those who utter slander.

R7. From this we learn that he of whom one seeks forgiveness should not be so cruel as not to forgive. See Mattithyah 6:14-15.

G4. To pass by another way.

R2. The High Priest's garments.



G1. You who receive the blessings of Yahweh should give praise for them.

the well where Yahweh said to Mosheh: Gather the people together and I will give them water.

17 Then Israyl sang this song; <sup>G1</sup>Spring up, O well! All of you sing about it,

18 The well the leaders dug, dug by the nations' nobles, by the Lawgiver with their staves. And from the wilderness they went to Mattanah.

19 From Mattanah to Nahaliel; from Nahaliel to Bamoth,

20 And from Bamoth to the valley in Moab, where the top of Pisgah looks down on the wasteland.

21 Then Israyl sent messengers to Sihon, king of the Amorites, saying;

22 Let us pass through your country. We will not turn aside into any field or vineyard, or drink water from any well. We will travel along the king's highway until we have passed through your territory.

23 But Sihon would not let Israyl pass through his territory. He gathered all his people together and came out against Israyl in the wilderness. When he reached Yatzah, he fought with Israyl.

24 Then Israyl defeated him with the edge of the sword, and took possession of his land from the Arnon to the Yabbok, as far as the people of Ammon, because the border of the Ammonites was fortified.

25 So Israyl captured all these cities, and Israyl occupied them, including Heshbon and all its surrounding settlements.

26 Heshbon was the city of Sihon king of the Amorites, who had fought against the former king of Moab, and had taken from him all his land as far as the Arnon.

27 That is why the poets say; come to Heshbon and let it be rebuilt, let Sihon's city be restored.

28 For fire went out from Heshbon; a flame from the city of Sihon; It consumed Ar of Moab, the citizens of Arnon's heights.

29 Woe to you, O Moab! You are destroyed, O people of <sup>G2</sup>Chemosh! He has given up his sons as fugitives, and his daughters as captives, to Sihon king of the Amorites.

30 But we have overcome them; Heshbon has perished as far as Dibon. Then we laid waste as far as Nophah, which extends to Medeba.

31 So Israyl lived in the land of the Amorites.

32 After Mosheh had sent spies to Yazer, the children of Israyl captured its surrounding settlements and drove out the Amorites who were there.

33 Then they turned and went up along the road toward Bashan, and Og king of Bashan and his whole army marched out to meet them in battle at Edrei.

34 Yahweh said to Mosheh: Do not be afraid of him, for I have handed him over to you, along

with his whole army and his land. You shall do to him as you did to Sihon king of the Amorites, who lived at Heshbon.

35 So they defeated him, his sons, and all his people, until there were no survivors left. And they took possession of his land.

## CHAP. 22

**T**hen the children of Israyl traveled to the plains of Moab and camped along the Yordan across from Yericho.

2 Now Balak the son of Zippor saw all that Israyl had done to the Amorites,

3 And Moab was terrified because there were so many people. Moab was filled with dread because of the children of Israyl.

4 So Moab said to the <sup>G3</sup>elders of Midian; This horde is going to lick up everything around us, just like an ox licks up grass from the field. So Balak son of Zippor, who was king of Moab at that time,

5 Sent messengers to summon Balaam son of Beor, who was at Pethor, near the *Euphrates* River, in his native land. Balak said; A people has come out of Egypt. They cover the face of the land and have settled next to me.

6 Now come and put a curse upon these people, because they are too powerful for me. Then maybe I will be able to defeat them and drive them from the country. For I know that those whom you bless are blessed, and those whom you curse are cursed.

7 So the elders of Moab and the elders of Midian left, taking the <sup>G4</sup>diviner's fee in their hand. When they came to Balaam, they told him what Balak had said.

8 Balaam said to them; Lodge here tonight, and I will bring you the answer just as Yahweh gives it to me. So the <sup>G5</sup>princes of Moab stayed with Balaam.

9 Then Yahweh came to Balaam and asked: Who are these men with you?

10 Balaam said to Yahweh; Balak son of Zippor, king of Moab, sent me this message:

11 A people that has come out of Egypt covers the face of the land. Now come and put a curse on them for me. It may then be that I will be able to fight them and drive them away.

12 But Yahweh <sup>G6</sup>said to Balaam: Do not go with them. You must not put a curse on those people, because those people are blessed.

13 The next morning Balaam rose up and said to the princes of Balak; Go back to your land, for Yahweh has refused to give me permission to go with you.

14 So the princes of Moab returned to Balak and said; Balaam refuses to come with us.

G3. The leaders of Midian.

G4. They thought that they could bribe Balaam to curse the children of Israyl.

G5. The leaders of Moab.

G6. Yahweh warned Balaam in a dream that he must not agree to perform the Moabites' and Midianites' request.

a. This was war.

G2. Chemosh was the god (el) of the Moabites. I Kings 11:33. Like all gods (elohim) Chemosh was not able to defend those who worshipped him.



G1. The wicked seek by all means to further their evil deeds, even though they know Yahweh is against them.

R1. Against his own will Balaam divulged that he had to do what Yahweh told him to do, and he prophesied here that he would be unable to make of none effect those blessings the patriarchs (Abraham, Isaac, Yaaqob, etc.) had been blessed by the mouth of Yahweh.  
R2. Balaam's own mouth tripped him up. Unwittingly he spoke the truth. The Moabite and Midianite leaders would go away disappointed.

R3. Balaam admits that Yahweh will most certainly not change His blessings into a curse. Balaam could only hope that Yahweh would not add a further blessing. Balaam here prophesied that Yahweh would in the end give the children of Israyl a further blessing.  
G2. Because Balaam attempted to get Yahweh to do that which is against His righteous way, Yahweh spoke to Balaam again, to Balaam's eventual damnation.

R4. Balaam knew that what he was doing was evil in the eyes of Yahweh, and yet he longed to go.

G3. Balaam always sought to please men rather than Yahweh.

G4. The second time.

G5. Yahweh gave the donkey the ability to speak.

15 Then Balak sent other princes, more numerous and distinguished than the first.

16 They came to Balaam and said to him; This is what Balak son of Zippor says: <sup>G1</sup>do not let anything keep you from coming to me,

17 Because I will certainly reward you greatly and will do whatever you say. Come and put a curse on these people for me.

18 Then Balaam answered, saying to the princes of Balak; Even though Balak were to give me his palace filled with silver and gold, <sup>R1</sup>I could not go beyond the word of Yahweh, to do any less or any more than He says.

19 Now therefore, also <sup>R2</sup>stay here tonight, as the others did, and I will find out <sup>R3</sup>what <sup>G2</sup>more Yahweh will say to me.

20 Yahweh came to Balaam that night and said to him: Since they came to summon you, rise and go with them. But only the word I speak to you is the only word you are commanded to say.

21 So Balaam rose up in the morning, saddled his donkey, and went with the princes of Moab.

22 <sup>R4</sup>But Yahweh was very angry because he <sup>G3</sup>went, and the malak of Yahweh took his stand in the road to oppose him. Balaam was riding on his donkey, and his two servants were with him.

23 When the donkey saw the malak of Yahweh standing in the road with a drawn sword in his hand, she turned off the road into a field. So Balaam beat her to turn her back onto the road.

24 <sup>G4</sup>Then the malak of Yahweh stood in a narrow path between two vineyards, with walls on both sides.

25 When the donkey saw the malak of Yahweh, she pressed close to the wall, crushing Balaam's foot against it. So he beat her again.

26 Then the malak of Yahweh went on further, and stood in a narrow place where there was no room to turn, either to the right hand or to the left.

27 When the donkey saw the malak of Yahweh *in that situation*, she lay down under Balaam. Then Balaam became so angry that he began to beat her with his staff.

28 Then Yahweh <sup>G5</sup>opened the donkey's mouth, and she said to Balaam; What have I done to you, that you have beaten me these three times?

29 And Balaam answered the donkey and said; Because you have made a fool of me. If I had a sword in hand, I would kill you right now.

30 Then the donkey said to Balaam; Am I not your own donkey which you have always ridden, ever since I became yours, to this day? Was I ever in the habit of doing this to you? And he said; No.

31 Then Yahweh <sup>G6</sup>opened Balaam's eyes, and he saw the malak of Yahweh standing in the road with his sword drawn. So he bowed low and fell downward on his face.

32 Then the malak of Yahweh asked him; Why have you beaten your donkey these three times? I have come here to oppose you because your <sup>G7</sup>way is a perverted one in front of Yahweh.

33 The donkey saw me and turned aside from me these three times. If she had not turned aside from me, I would surely have killed you by now, and have allowed her to live.

34 Balaam said to the malak of Yahweh; I have sinned. I did not realize you were standing in the road to oppose me. Now if this displeases you, I will turn back.

35 Then the malak of Yahweh said to Balaam; Go with the men, but speak only <sup>G8</sup>what I tell you. So Balaam went with the princes of Balak.

36 Now when Balak heard that Balaam was coming, he went out to meet him at a city of Moab on the Arnon border, at the edge of his territory.

37 Balak said to Balaam; Did I not send you an urgent message, summoning you? Why did you not come? Am I not able to reward you?

38 And Balaam said to Balak; Well, I have now come to you, but I can not say just <sup>G9</sup>anything. I must speak only what Yahweh puts in my mouth.

39 Then Balaam went with Balak, going to Kiryath Huzoth.

40 Balak sacrificed cattle and sheep, and gave some to Balaam and to the princes who were with him.

41 The next morning Balak took Balaam up to <sup>R5</sup>Bamoth-Baal to see the extent of the people.

## CHAP. 23

**T**hen Balaam said; Build me seven altars here, and sacrifice for me here seven bulls and seven rams.

2 <sup>G10</sup>So Balak did just as Balaam had ordered; and Balak and Balaam offered a bull and a ram on each altar.

3 Then Balaam said to Balak; Stay here beside your offering while I go aside. Maybe Yahweh will come to meet with me, and whatever He reveals to me is what I will tell you.

4 Then Yahweh met Balaam, and he said to *Yahweh*; I have prepared the seven altars, and I have sacrificed a bull and a ram on each altar.

5 Then Yahweh <sup>G11</sup>put a message in Balaam's mouth and said: Go back to Balak and give him this message.

G6. Those whose eyes have not been opened by Yahweh can neither see His anger nor His love.

G7. Both your heart and your ways are evil.

G8. Because the heart of Balaam was evil, Yahweh again commanded him what to say and do, so that Balaam could not pretend ignorance.

G9. Of my own self I can speak nothing. Only what Yahweh reveals to me can I utter, be it beneficial or adverse.

R5. The High Place of Baal. Baal is the god (el) Balaam worshipped.

G10. Among the heathens their kings, priests and prophets offered sacrifices. However, Yahweh's Law permits only Yahweh's Priests to offer sacrifices. Even a member of Yahweh's people who is a king does not have this right. When Shaul ben Kish, the first king Yahweh appointed over His people, offered a sacrifice himself, rather than letting Samuyl the High Priest and Prophet offer this sacrifice, Yahweh rejected his right to be king, and transferred the crown to David, son of Yishai. I Samuyl 13:6-14.

G11. Yahweh told Balaam what to say.

6 So he returned to him and found him standing beside his burnt offering, with all the princes of Moab.

7 Then Balaam uttered his oracle; Balak brought me from Aram, from the mountains of the east. Come curse Yaaqob for me, and come <sup>G1</sup>denounce Israyl.

8 How can I curse those whom Yahweh has not cursed? And how can I denounce those whom Yahweh has not denounced?

9 From the top of the rocks I see him, and from the heights I behold him. There, I see a people who live apart and who do not consider themselves one of the <sup>G2</sup>nations.

10 Who can count the <sup>G3</sup>dust of Yaaqob, or number the stock of Israyl? Let me <sup>G4</sup>die the death of the righteous, and may my end be like theirs.

11 Then Balak said to Balaam; What are you doing to me? I brought you here to curse my enemies, and I see you are bountifully blessing them!

12 So he answered and said; Must I not be diligent to speak what Yahweh has put in my mouth?

13 Then Balak said to him; Come with me to another place where you can see them; you shall see only the outer part of them but not all. Curse them for me from there.

14 So he brought him to the field of Zophim on the top of Pisgah, and there he built seven altars and sacrificed a bull and a ram on each altar.

15 Balaam said to Balak; Stay here beside your burnt offering while I meet over there.

16 Yahweh met with Balaam and put a message in his mouth, and said: Go back to Balak, and this shall you say to him.

17 So he went back to him and found him standing beside his burnt offering, and the princes of Moab were with him. And Balak said to him; What did Yahweh say?

18 Then he uttered his oracle; Arise, Balak, and listen. Hear me, son of Zippor.

19 <sup>G5</sup>Yahweh is not a man, that He should lie, or a son of man, that He should repent. What He has said, will He not do it? Or what He has spoken, will He not make it come to pass?

20 Behold, I am commanded to bless; and when He has blessed, I cannot change it.

21 None has seen iniquity in Yaaqob. Neither has one seen perverseness in Israyl. Yahweh his Father is with him, and the <sup>G6</sup>shout of a King is among them.

22 Yahweh, Who is bringing them forth out of Egypt, is for them; He has strength like the wild ox.

23 For there is no enchantment with Yaaqob, neither is there any divination with Israyl; <sup>G7</sup>Now it is said of Yaaqob and of Israyl; See what Yahweh has done!

24 Behold, a people that rises up like a lioness, and as a lion it lifts itself up. It shall not lie down until it devours the prey, and drinks the blood of the slain.

25 Then Balak said to Balaam; Neither curse them at all nor bless them at all!

26 But Balaam answered and said to Balak; Did I not tell you: All that Yahweh speaks, that I must do?

27 Then Balak said to Balaam; Come, let me take you to another <sup>G8</sup>place. It may be that Yahweh will let you curse them for me from there.

28 And Balak took Balaam to the top of Peor, overlooking the wasteland.

29 Then Balaam said to Balak; Build me seven altars here, and sacrifice seven bulls and seven rams for me.

30 Balak did as Balaam had said, and offered a bull and a ram on each altar.

## CHAP. 24

Now when Balaam saw that it pleased Yahweh to bless Israyl, he did not resort to sorcery as at other times, but turned his face toward the <sup>G9</sup>wilderness.

2 When Balaam looked out and saw Israyl encamped according to their tribes, the Spirit of Yahweh came upon him.

3 Then he uttered his oracle; The oracle of Balaam son of Beor, the oracle of one whose eyes are opened,

4 The oracle of one who hears the word of Yahweh, who sees a vision from the Almighty, who has fallen down, but whose eyes are opened:

5 How beautiful are your tents; *tallits*, O Yaaqob, and your <sup>a</sup>dwelling places; O Israyl!

6 Like <sup>b</sup>valleys that spread out, like gardens by the riverside, like aloes planted by Yahweh, like cedars beside the waters.

7 <sup>G10</sup>Water will flow from their buckets; their seed will have abundant water. Their King shall be higher than Agag, and His Kingdom shall be exalted.

8 Yahweh brings him out of Egypt; They have strength like a wild ox. They shall consume the nations, their enemies. They shall break their bones and pierce them with their arrows.

9 Like a lion they crouch and lie down. And as a lion, who will rouse him up? <sup>c</sup>Blessed is he who blesses you, and cursed is he who curses you.

10 Then Balak's anger burned against Balaam, and he struck his hands together. Balak said to Balaam; I summoned you to curse my enemies, but you have only blessed them these three times.

11 Now leave at once! I said I would greatly reward you, but in fact <sup>G11</sup>Yahweh has kept you

G1. Balak wanted a curse upon the children of Israyl that would cause all men everywhere to hate them.

G2. But shall have the true religion and Yahweh's Laws.  
G3. They will be as the sand of the sea.

G4. The fear of Yahweh's judgments caused Balaam to desire to be joined to the household of Abraham. Even the wicked see the error of their ways when they consider Yahweh's Laws.

G5. Even Yahweh's enemies are forced to admit that His government is just, constant, and never-changing.

G6. They will triumph as victorious kings over their enemies.

G7. The world will marvel at the many ways Yahweh will deliver His people.

G8. The wicked think that Yahweh is not constant, that if He will not give them what they want in one place, maybe He will do this somewhere else.

G9. Where the children of Israyl camped.

a. That is; Tabernacle.  
b. Valleys watered and given life by a river. Yechetzqyah 47:9.

G10. His blessings and posterity will be very great.

c. Blessed with eternal life. Yechetzqyah 47:9.

G11. Thus the wicked blame Yahweh when they cannot have their evil way.

from being rewarded!

12 So Balaam said to Balak; Did I not say to the messengers you sent to me:

13 Even if Balak gave me his palace filled with silver and gold, I could not go beyond the command of Yahweh, to speak either righteousness or evil of my own will, but what Yahweh commanded me to speak, that I must speak?

14 Now I am going back to my own people; but come, and I will <sup>G1</sup>advise you what this people will do to your people in the latter days.

15 Then he uttered his oracle; The oracle of Balaam son of Beor, the oracle of one whose eyes are opened:

16 The oracle of him who hears the words of Yahweh, and knows the knowledge of the Most High, who sees a vision from the Almighty, who falls down prostrate but whose eyes are opened wide.

17 <sup>R1</sup>I see Him, but not now; I behold Him, but not near. A <sup>G2</sup>Star shall come out of Yaaqob; a Scepter shall rise out of Israyl, and shall crush through the two sides of the skull of Moab, and break down all the noisy <sup>1</sup>enemies of the sons of Seth.

18 Edom shall be a possession. Seir also, their enemies, shall be a possession, while Israyl does valiantly.

19 <sup>R1</sup>Out of Yaaqob <sup>R1</sup>One shall become a Ruler and destroy the survivors of the city.

20 Then he looked on Amalek, and uttered his oracle; Amalek was the <sup>G3</sup>first among the nations, but his end shall come to destruction.

21 Then he looked on the Kenites, and uttered his oracle; Though firm is your dwelling place, and though your nest is set in the rock,

22 Nevertheless, Kain shall be wasted. How long until Asshur carries you away captive?

23 Then he uttered his oracle; Alas! <sup>G4</sup>Who shall live when Yahweh does this?

24 But ships shall come from the coasts of <sup>G5</sup>Greece, and they shall subjugate Asshur, and subjugate Eber; *those regions on the other side of the Euphrates.* <sup>R2</sup>But he also shall come to destruction.

25 Then Balaam rose up, leaving to return to his home, Balak also went his own way.

## CHAP. 25

While Israyl was staying in Shittim, *meaning, Acacia Grove*, the people began to commit sexual immorality with Moabite women.

2 They invited them to the sacrifices of their gods (elohim), and the people went and bowed down in front of their gods (elohim).

3 So Israyl <sup>G6</sup>joined in worshiping the Baal of Peor; *the Lord of Peor*, and <sup>R3</sup>Yahweh's anger burned against them.

<sup>1</sup>. Verse 24:17—Hebrew *shat*. Traditionally translated boasters. This word is listed on Page 1450 of *A Hebrew and Chaldee Lexicon to the Old Testament* by Julius Furst, which shows this word is correctly translated enemies.

4 Then Yahweh said to Mosheh: Take all the leaders of the people and kill the offenders. Hang them out in <sup>G7</sup>broad daylight in front of Yahweh, so that Yahweh's fierce anger may turn away from Israyl.

5 So Mosheh said to the judges of Israyl; Every one of you is to <sup>G8</sup>kill his men who were joined in worship to the Baal of Peor; *the Lord of Peor*.

6 Then one of the children of Israyl came and brought to his brethren a Midianite woman in the sight of Mosheh and in the sight of all the congregation of the children of Israyl, who were <sup>G9</sup>weeping at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting.

7 When Phinehas son of Eleazar, son of Aaron, the priest, saw this, he left the congregation and took a spear in his hand.

8 He followed after the man of Israyl, and went right into his tent, into the chambers. He drove the spear through both of them, through the man of Israyl and into the woman's body. Then the plague stopped among the children of Israyl,

9 But those who died in the plague numbered 24,000.

10 Yahweh spoke to Mosheh, saying:

11 Phinehas the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron, the priest, has turned My anger away from the children of Israyl. He was as <sup>G10</sup>zealous as I am Zealous for My Honor among them, so that I did not put an end to them in My zeal.

12 Therefore tell him I am making My covenant of peace with him.

13 He and his <sup>a</sup>descendants will have a covenant of an everlasting priesthood, because he was zealous for the Honor of Yahweh and made <sup>G11</sup>atonement for the children of Israyl.

14 The name of the Israylite who was killed with the Midianite woman, was Zimri the son of Salu, the leader of a family of Simeon.

15 The name of the Midianite woman who was killed was Cozbi the daughter of Zur, a tribal chief of a Midianite family.

16 Yahweh spoke to Mosheh, saying:

17 Treat the Midianites as enemies and kill them,

18 Because they treated you as enemies when they <sup>G12</sup>deceived you <sup>R4</sup>in the affair of Peor, and in the affair of Cozbi, the daughter of a chief of Midian, who was killed in the day of the plague which came as a result of Peor.

## CHAP. 26

After the <sup>G13</sup>plague, Yahweh spoke to Mosheh and Eleazar the son of Aaron, the priest, saying:

2 Take a census of all the congregation of the children of Israyl from twenty years old and above, according to their fathers' houses; *families*, who are able to go to war in Israyl.

3 So on the plains of Moab, by the Yarden across from Yericho, Mosheh and Eleazar the priest spoke with them, and said;

G7. Openly, in the sight of all.

G8. Let them see the execution of all who were in their charge.

G9. The people repented that they had offended Yahweh.

G10. He was zealous to maintain My glory.

a. That is; seed.

G11. He has pacified Yahweh's wrath.

G12. Causing you to commit both corporal and spiritual fornication because of Balaam's counsel.

R4. That is; They abandoned their daughters to prostitution in order to lead the children of Israyl to go astray after Baal-Peor. However, Yahweh did not command the children of Israyl to destroy the Moabites on account of Riyyah, who would come later from the Moabites.

G13. Which came because of their whoredoms and godworship (the worship of elohim).

G1. Balaam also gave false counsel in an attempt to cause the children of Israyl to sin so that Yahweh would forsake them. Numbers 31:16.

G2. Meaning: Yahshua Messiah.

R1. Meaning: Yahshua Messiah.

G3. The Amalekites were the first to make war against the children of Israyl.

G4. Some Hebrew manuscripts read: Who shall not perish when the enemy (that Anti-Messiah) shall set himself up as the Most High (God, El, Elohim)? See II Thessalonians Chapter 2 and I Yahchanan 4:1-3.

G5. The Greeks and Romans.

R2. This is the beast led by the Roman Catholic church that Daniyl saw. See Daniyl 7:11. Rashi states that this beast (Rome) will be destroyed so that it will be no more. See also Revelation 19:20.

G6. Baal-Peor was the god (el) of the Moabites.

R3. Yahweh struck them with a plague.

4 Take a census of the men twenty years old and above, just as Yahweh commanded Mosheh and the children of Israyl who came out of the land of Egypt. *These were those counted in this census:*

5 The descendants of Reuben, the firstborn son of Israyl, according to their clans, were: Hanoch, the clan of the Hanochites; Pallu, the clan of the Palluites;

6 Hezron, the clan of the Hezronites; and Carmi, the clan of the Carmites.

7 These are the clans from the sons of Reuben. Those who were numbered of them were 43,730.

8 The son of Pallu was Eliab,

9 And the sons of Eliab were Nemuel, Dathan, and Abiram. The same Dathan and Abiram were the representatives of the people who contended against Mosheh and Aaron, <sup>G1</sup>along with Korah, when they contended and quarreled against Yahweh.

10 The earth opened its mouth and swallowed them along with Korah, whose followers died when the fire devoured the 250 men; and they <sup>G2</sup>became a sign.

11 However, the line of Korah did not die out, *as the line of Dathan and Abiram did.*

12 The descendants of Simeon, by their clans, were: Nemuel, the clan of the Nemuelites; Yamin, the clan of the Yaminites; Yakin, the clan of the Yakinites;

13 Zerah, the clan of the Zerahites; and of Shaul, the clan of the Shaulites.

14 These are the clans from the sons of Simeon. Those who were numbered of them were 22,200.

15 The descendants of Gad, by their clans, were: Zephon, the clan of the Zephonites; Haggi, the clan of the Haggites; Shuni, the clan of the Shunites;

16 Ozni, the clan of the Oznites; Eri, the clan of the Erites;

17 Arodi, the clan of the Arodites; and Areli, the clan of the Arelites.

18 These are the clans from the sons of Gad. Those who were numbered of them were 40,500.

19 Er and Onan were sons of Yahdah, but they died in <sup>G3</sup>Canaan.

20 The descendants of Yahdah, according to their clans, were: Shelah, the clan of the Shelahites; Perez, the clan of the Perezites; and Zerah, the clan of the Zerahites.

21 And the descendants of Perez, according to his clans, were: Hezron, the clan of the Hezronites; and Hamul, the clan of the Hamulites.

22 These are the clans from the sons of Yahdah. Those who were numbered of them were 76,500.

23 The descendants of Issachar, according to their clans, were: Tola, the clan of the Tolaite,

Puah, the clan of the Puahites;

24 Yashub, the clan of the Yashubites; and Shimron, the clan of the Shimronites.

25 These are the clans from the sons of Issachar. Those who were numbered of them were 64,300.

26 The descendants of Zebulun, according to their clans, were: Sered, the clan of the Seredites; Elon, the clan of the Elonites; and Yachleel, the clan of the Yachleelites.

27 These are the clans from the sons of Zebulun. Those who were numbered of them were 60,500.

28 The descendants of Yahseph, by their clans through Menasheh and Ephraim, were:

29 The descendants of Menasheh, according to his clans, were: Machir, the clan of the Machirites. Machir begot Gilead. Gilead was the father of the clan of the Gileadites.

30 These were the descendants of Gilead, according to their clans: Iezer, the clan of the Iezerites; Helek, the clan of the Helekites,

31 Asriel, the clan of the Asrielites; Shechem, the clan of the Shechemites;

32 Shemida, the clan of the Shemidaite; Hephher, the clan of the Hephherites.

33 Zelophehad son of Hephher had no sons; he had only daughters, whose names were Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah.

34 These are the clans from the sons of Menasheh ben Yahseph. Those who were numbered of them were 52,700.

35 The descendants of Ephraim, according to his clans, were: Shuthelah, the clan of the Shuthelahites; Beker, the clan of the Bekerites; and Tahan, the clan of the Tahanites.

36 These were the descendants of Shuthelah, through Eran, the clan of the Eranites.

37 These are the clans from the sons of Ephraim ben Yahseph. Those who were numbered of them were 32,500.

38 The descendants of Benyamin, according to their clans, were: Bela, the clan of the Belaites; Ashbel, the clan of the Ashbelites; Ahiram, the clan of the Ahiramites.

39 Shupham, the clan of the Shuphamites; and Hupham, the clan of the Huphamites.

40 The descendants of Bela, through Ard and Naaman, according to their clans, were: Ard, the clan of the Ardites, and Naaman, the clan of the Naamanites.

41 These are the clans from the sons of Benyamin. Those who were numbered of them were 45,600.

42 The descendants of Dan, according to their clans, were: Shuham, the clan of the Shuhamites. These were the clans of Dan:

43 All of them were Shuhamite clans. Those who were numbered of them were 64,400.

44 The descendants of Asher, according to

G1. Korah was the leader of this rebellion. Numbers Chapter 16.

G2. This was for an example that others should not murmur and rebel against Yahweh's chosen ministers.

G3. This was before Yaaqob went into Egypt. Genesis 38:3-4,7,9-10.



their clans were Yimna, the clan of the Yimnaites; Yishwi, the clan of the Yishwites; and Beriah, the clan of the Beriahites.

45 Through the descendants of Beriah was Heber, the clan of the Heberites; and Malkiel, the clan of the Malkielites.

46 Asher had a daughter named Serah.

47 These are the clans from the sons of Asher. Those who were numbered of them were 53,400.

48 The descendants of Naphtali, according to their clans, were: Yachzeel, the clan of the Yachzeelites; Guni, the clan of the Gunites;

49 Yezer, the clan of the Yezerites; and Shillem, the clan of the Shillemites.

50 These are the clans from the sons of Naphtali. Those who were numbered of them were 45,400.

51 The total number of the men of Israyl was 601,730.

52 Yahweh spoke to Mosheh, saying:

53 To these the land shall be allotted as an inheritance, based on the number of names.

54 To a large tribe you shall give a larger inheritance, and to a smaller tribe you shall give a smaller inheritance. Each is to receive its inheritance according to the number of those listed.

55 The land is to be divided by lot. Each ancestral tribe will receive its inheritance in this way.

56 Each inheritance is to be divided by lot between the larger and smaller.

57 The descendants of Levi, according to their clans, were: Gershon, the clan of the Gershonites; Kohath, the clan of the Kohathites; and Merari, the clan of the Merarites.

58 These also were Levite clans: the clan of the Libnites, the clan of the Hebronites, the clan of the Mahlites, the clan of the Mushites, and the clan of the Korathites. Kohath begot Amram.

59 The name of Amram's wife was Yahchebed the daughter of Levi, who was born to Levi in Egypt. To Amram she bore Aaron, Mosheh, and their sister Miriam.

60 To Aaron were born Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.

61 But Nadab and Abihu died when they offered profane and unauthorized fire in front of Yahweh.

62 These are the clans from the sons of Levi. Those who were numbered of them, from the age of one month old and older, were 23,000. They were not counted along with the other tribes of Israyl because they received no inheritance among them.

63 These are those who were numbered by Mosheh and Eleazar, the priest, who counted the sons of Israyl on the plains of Moab, by the

Yordan across from Yericho.

64 Not one of them was among those counted <sup>G1</sup>by Mosheh and Aaron, the priest, when they counted the sons of Israyl in the Wilderness of Sinai.

65 For Yahweh had said of them: They shall surely die in this wilderness. So there was not one man left of them, except Caleb the son of Yephunneh and Yahshua the son of Nun.

## CHAP. 27

**T**hen came the daughters of Zelophehad the son of Hephher, the son of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Menasheh, from the clan of Menasheh ben Yahseph. The names of the daughters of Zelophehad were Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah.

2 They approached the entranceway of the tabernacle of meeting to stand in front of Mosheh, Eleazar the priest, and all the leaders of the congregation of Israyl. They said to them;

3 Our father died in the wilderness, but he was not among the followers of Korah who banded together against Yahweh, but he died for his own <sup>G2</sup>sin, and left no sons.

4 Why should our father's name disappear from among his clan because he has no son? Therefore, give us an inheritance among the brothers of our father.

5 So Mosheh brought their <sup>G3</sup>case before Yahweh.

6 And Yahweh spoke to Mosheh, saying:

7 The daughters of Zelophehad speak the truth. You shall surely give them a possession of inheritance among their father's brothers, and cause the inheritance of their father to pass to them.

8 And you shall speak to the children of Israyl and say; If a man dies and has no son, then you shall cause his inheritance to pass to his daughter.

9 If he has no daughter, then you shall give his inheritance to his brothers.

10 If he has no brothers, then you shall give his inheritance to his father's brothers.

11 And if his father has no brothers, then you shall give his inheritance to the nearest kinsman in his clan, and he shall possess it. And this shall be to the children of Israyl a <sup>G4</sup>statute of judgment, just as Yahweh commanded Mosheh.

12 Then Yahweh said to Mosheh: Go up into this mountain in the Abarim range; *the top of Pisgah, one of the peaks of Mt. Nebo*, and see the land I have given to the children of Israyl.

13 And when you have seen it, you also shall be gathered to your people, just as Aaron your brother was gathered.

14 For in the Wilderness of Zin, when the congregation rebelled at the waters, both of you

G1. Here appears the great power of Yahweh that so wonderfully increased His people.

G2. All men die who remain in their sins. Yechetzqyah 18:4,20.

G3. Mosheh brought this difficult matter to Yahweh, as he did all difficult matters.

G4. Meaning: An ordinance to judge by.



disobeyed My command to Honor Me as Holy in front of their eyes. (These were the waters of Meribah, at Kadesh in the Wilderness of Zin.)

15 Mosheh then spoke to Yahweh, saying;

16 May Yahweh, the Discerner Who knows the varying spirits of men, appoint a man over the congregation,

17 To go out and come in before them; one who will lead them out, and bring them in, so the congregation of Yahweh may not be like sheep which have no shepherd.

18 Yahweh said to Mosheh: Take Yahshua ben Nun with you, a man in whom I discern this spirit, and <sup>G1</sup>lay your hand on him;

19 Set him before Eleazar the *High Priest*, and before all the congregation, and inaugurate him in their sight.

20 <sup>G2</sup>Give him some of your authority, so the whole congregation of the children of Israyl will obey him.

21 He shall stand before Eleazar the *High Priest*, who will obtain <sup>G3</sup>My decisions for him, by inquiring of the Urim before Yahweh. Then, at his command, he and the entire congregation of the children of Israyl will go out, and at his command, they will come in.

22 So Mosheh did as Yahweh commanded him: He took Yahshua, and set him before Eleazar the *High Priest*, and before all the congregation;

23 And he laid his hands on him, and inaugurated him, just as Yahweh had commanded by the hand of Mosheh.

## CHAP. 28

**Y**ahweh spoke to Mosheh, saying:

2 Command the children of Israyl, and say to them; See that you <sup>1</sup>present to Me, at the appointed time, the food for My offerings made by fire, as an aroma pleasing to Me.

3 And you shall say to them; This is the offering made by fire that you are to present to Yahweh: two lambs of the first year, without blemish, as a regular burnt offering each day:

4 Sacrifice one lamb in the morning, and the other between the two evenings; *the Morning and Evening Tamid*.

5 Present with each lamb one-tenth of an ephah; *about 2 quarts*, of fine flour as a grain offering, mixed with one-fourth of a hin; *about 1 quart*, of pressed olive oil.

6 This is the regular burnt offering instituted at Mount Sinai, as a pleasing aroma, an offering made by fire to Yahweh.

7 The accompanying drink offering is to be one-fourth of a hin; *about 1 quart*, with each lamb. Pour out the drink offering to Yahweh at the Sanctuary.

1. Verse 28:2—Numbers 28:2-8 deals with The Morning and Evening Tamid: the daily continual burnt offerings. One lamb, with its accompanying grain offering and wine offering was offered in the morning, and another lamb with its accompanying grain offering and wine offering was offered in the afternoon—between the two evenings. The TAMID was offered every single day throughout the year, and was the center and core of public worship at the Tabernacle and Temple.

8 Sacrifice the second lamb between the two evenings, along with its prescribed grain offering, and its prescribed drink offering. You shall offer it as an offering made by fire to Yahweh, as a pleasing aroma.

9 And on the Sabbath Day, make an offering of two lambs of the first year without blemish, together with its drink offering, and two-tenths of an ephah; *about 4 quarts*, of fine flour, mixed with oil—one ephah for each lamb.

10 This is the burnt offering for every Sabbath Day, in addition to the regular burnt offering; *the Morning and Evening Tamid*, and its drink offering.

11 On the first day of every New Moon, present to Yahweh a burnt offering of two young bulls and a ram, <sup>2</sup>a total of seven lambs of their first year, all without blemish;

12 With each bull there is to be a grain offering of three-tenths of an ephah; *about 6 quarts*, of fine flour mixed with oil; with the ram, a grain offering of two-tenths of an ephah; *about 4 quarts*, of fine flour mixed with oil;

13 And with each lamb, a grain offering of one-tenth of an ephah; *about 2 quarts*, of fine flour mixed with oil. This is for a burnt offering, an offering made by fire to Yahweh as a pleasing aroma.

14 With each bull there is to be a drink offering of one-half of a hin; *about 2 quarts*, of wine; with the ram, there is to be one-third of a hin; *1 1/4 quarts of wine*; and with each lamb there is to be one-fourth of a hin; *about 1 quart of wine*, as a drink offering. This is the burnt offering that is to be made at each New Moon during the year.

15 Besides the regular burnt offering; *the Morning and Evening Tamid*, with its drink offering *that is also made on the first day of the New Moon*, one male goat is also to be presented to Yahweh, as a sin offering.

16 On the Fourteenth Day of the First Moon, between the two evenings, <sup>3</sup>Yahweh's Passover lamb is to be sacrificed;

17 And on the Fifteenth Day of this Moon is the Feast; unleavened bread must be eaten for seven days.

18 On the First Day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread is a holy convocation. You shall do no regular work;

19 But you shall present an offering made by fire to Yahweh, as a burnt offering, of two young bulls and a ram, a total of seven lambs of the first year. Be sure they are without blemish.

20 With each bull prepare a grain offering of three-tenths of an ephah; *about 6 quarts*, of fine flour mixed with oil; with the ram, prepare two-tenths; *about 4 quarts*, of fine flour mixed with oil;

2. Numbers 28:11,19,27, and Numbers 29:2,8,36—Hebrew *echad*. Traditionally translated *one*. Word #259, Hebrew Dictionary, *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance*, shows this word is correctly translated *together*, meaning a *total of*, eliminating a direct contradiction of Yechetzqyah 46:4-6. 3. Verse 28:16—Exodus 12:47-49, Leviticus 23:5, Numbers 9:2-14.

G1. And appoint him overseer.

G2. Show the people that Yahweh has chosen him to be their overseer.

G3. No leader in Yahweh's House can do anything but what is known to be the will of Yahweh.

21 And with each of the seven lambs, offer one-tenth; *about 2 quarts of fine flour mixed with oil as a grain offering.*

22 Also include one male goat as a sin offering, to make atonement for you.

23 Prepare and sacrifice these, in addition to the regular morning burnt offering; *the Morning Tamid.*

24 In this way, prepare the food for the offering made by fire every day, for seven days, as an aroma pleasing to Yahweh. *Throughout the Feast of Unleavened Bread* this shall be offered, besides the regular burnt offering; *the Morning and Evening Tamid*, with its prescribed drink offering.

25 And on the seventh day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread you shall have a holy convocation. You shall do no regular, customary work.

26 On the day of firstfruits, when you present to Yahweh an offering of new grain at the Feast of Weeks, you shall have a holy convocation. You shall do no regular, customary work;

27 But you shall present a burnt offering to Yahweh for a pleasing aroma, of two young bulls and ram, a total of seven lambs of their first year.

28 With each bull there is to be a grain offering of three-tenths of an ephah; *about 6 quarts*, of fine flour mixed with oil; with the ram, the grain offering is two-tenths of an ephah; *about 4 quarts*, of fine flour mixed with oil;

29 And with each of the seven lambs, the grain offering is one-tenth of an ephah; *about 2 quarts*, of fine flour mixed with oil.

30 Also include one male goat as a sin offering, to make atonement for you.

31 Prepare and sacrifice these, together with their prescribed drink offerings, in addition to the regular burnt offerings and its grain offerings, *in addition to the Morning and Evening Tamid.* Be sure they are without blemish.

## CHAP. 29

**O**n the First Day of the Seventh Moon you shall have a holy convocation; you shall do no regular, customary work. It is a day for you to sound the trumpets; *the Feast of Trumpets*,

2 And you shall offer a burnt offering, as an aroma pleasing to Yahweh, of one young bull and a ram, a total of seven lambs of their first year, all without blemish.

3 With the bull offer a grain offering of three-tenths of an ephah; *about 6 quarts*, of fine flour mixed with oil; with the ram, its grain offering is to be two-tenths of an ephah; *about 4 quarts*, of fine flour mixed with oil;

4 And with each of the seven lambs, its grain

offering is to be one-tenth of an ephah; *about 2 quarts*, of fine flour mixed with oil.

5 Also include one male goat as a sin offering, to make atonement for you.

6 This *Feast of Trumpets* offering is in addition to the regular New Moon offering, and the Morning and Evening <sup>a</sup>Tamid burnt offerings, along with their prescribed grain and drink offerings. They are offerings made to Yahweh by fire, as a pleasing aroma to Him.

7 On the Tenth Day of this Seventh Moon you shall have a holy <sup>G1</sup>convocation; you shall <sup>1</sup>afflict your souls, and you shall not do any work at all;

8 But you shall sacrifice a burnt offering to Yahweh as a pleasing aroma, of one young bull and a ram, a total of seven lambs of their first year. Be sure they are without blemish.

9 With the bull, prepare a grain offering of three-tenths of an ephah; *about 6 quarts*, of fine flour mixed with oil; with the ram, the grain offering is to be two-tenths of an ephah; *about 4 quarts*, of fine flour mixed with oil;

10 And with each of the seven lambs, the grain offering is to be one-tenth of an ephah; *about 2 quarts*, of fine flour mixed with oil.

11 Also include one male goat as a sin offering, to make atonement for you, in addition to the <sup>2</sup>Sin Offering for Atonement, and the regular burnt offering with its prescribed grain and drink offering; *the Morning and Evening Tamid.*

12 On the Fifteenth Day of the Seventh Moon you shall have a holy <sup>G2</sup>convocation, you shall do no regular, customary work, and you shall keep a Feast to Yahweh for seven days: *The Feast of Tabernacles.*

13 *On the First Holy Day of the Feast of Tabernacles*, you shall present an offering made by fire, as an aroma pleasing to Yahweh, a burnt offering of thirteen young bulls, two rams, and fourteen male lambs of the first year, all without blemish.

14 With each of the thirteen bulls, prepare a grain offering of three-tenths of an ephah; *about 6 quarts*, of fine flour mixed with oil. With each of the two rams, prepare two-tenths of an ephah; *about 4 quarts*, of fine flour mixed with oil.

15 And with each of the fourteen lambs, prepare one-tenth of an ephah; *about 2 quarts*, of fine flour mixed with oil.

16 Also include one male goat as a sin offering, to make atonement for you, in addition to the regular burnt offering; *the Morning and Evening Tamid*, with its prescribed grain and drink offerings.

a. The regular daily offering.

G1. This is the Day of Atonement.

G2. This is the Feast of Tabernacles.

1. Verse 29:7—Fast without eating any food or drinking any liquid on the Day of Atonement. 2. Verse 29:11—Sin Offering for Atonement: Numbers Chapter 16.

17 On the second day of the *Feast of Tabernacles* sacrifice twelve young bulls, two rams, and fourteen male lambs of the first year, all without blemish.

18 With the bulls, rams, and lambs, prepare their grain offerings and drink offerings according to the number and manner specified.

19 Also include one male goat as a sin offering, to make atonement for you, in addition to the regular burnt offering; *the Morning and Evening Tamid*, with its prescribed grain and drink offerings.

20 On the third day of the *Feast of Tabernacles* sacrifice eleven bulls, two rams, and fourteen male lambs of the first year, all without blemish.

21 With the bulls, rams, and lambs, prepare their grain offerings and drink offerings according to the number and manner specified.

22 Also include one male goat as a sin offering, to make atonement for you, in addition to the regular burnt offering; *the Morning and Evening Tamid*, along with its prescribed grain and drink offerings.

23 On the fourth day of the *Feast of Tabernacles* sacrifice ten bulls, two rams, and fourteen male lambs of the first year, all without blemish.

24 With the bulls, rams, and lambs, prepare their grain offerings and drink offerings according to the number and manner specified.

25 Also include one male goat as a sin offering, in addition to the regular burnt offering; *the Morning and Evening Tamid*, along with its prescribed grain and drink offerings.

26 On the fifth day of the *Feast of Tabernacles* sacrifice nine bulls, two rams, and fourteen male lambs of the first year, all without blemish.

27 With the bulls, rams, and lambs, prepare their grain offerings and drink offerings according to the number and manner specified.

28 Also include one male goat as a sin offering, to make atonement for you, in addition to the regular burnt offering; *the Morning and Evening Tamid*, along with their prescribed grain and drink offerings.

29 On the sixth day of the *Feast of Tabernacles* sacrifice eight bulls, two rams, and fourteen male lambs of the first year, all without blemish.

30 With the bulls, rams, and lambs, prepare their grain offerings and drink offerings according to the number and manner specified.

31 Also include one male goat as a sin offering, in addition to the regular burnt offering; *the Morning and Evening Tamid*, along with its prescribed grain and drink offerings.

32 On the seventh day of the *Feast of Tabernacles* sacrifice seven bulls, two rams, and fourteen male lambs of the first year, all without blemish.

33 With the bulls, rams, and lambs, prepare their grain and drink offerings according to the number and manner specified.

34 Also include one male goat as a sin offering, in addition to the regular burnt offering; *the Morning and Evening Tamid*, along with its prescribed grain and drink offerings.

35 On the eighth day; *the Last Great Day*, you shall have a holy convocation. You shall do no regular, customary work;

36 But you shall present a burnt offering, an offering made by fire as an aroma pleasing to Yahweh, of one bull and a ram, a total of seven lambs of the first year, all without blemish.

37 With the bull, the ram, and the lambs, prepare their grain offerings and drink offerings, according to the number and manner specified.

38 Also include one male goat as a sin offering, to make atonement for you, in addition to the regular burnt offering; *the Morning and Evening Tamid*, along with its prescribed grain and drink offerings.

39 In addition to what you vow, and in addition to your freewill offerings, prepare these for Yahweh at your appointed Feasts—your burnt offerings, grain offerings, drink offerings, and peace offerings.

40 So Mosheh told the children of Israyl all these things, just as Yahweh had commanded him.

## CHAP. 30

**T**hen Mosheh spoke to the heads of the tribes of Israyl, saying; This is what Yahweh has commanded:

2 When a man vows a vow to Yahweh, or vows an oath to bind himself to some pledge, he shall not break his word. He must do everything he said he would do.

3 When a young woman, still living in her father's house, vows a vow to Yahweh, or vows an oath to bind herself to some pledge,

4 And her father hears about her vow or pledge but <sup>G1</sup>says nothing to her, then all her vows and every pledge by which she has obligated herself, will stand.

5 But if her father <sup>G2</sup>forbids her when he hears about it, none of her vows or pledges, by which she obligated herself, will stand. Yahweh will release her, because her father has forbidden her.

6 If she marries after she makes a vow, or after she utters a rash promise by which she obligates herself,

7 And her husband hears about it but says nothing to her, then her vows, or the pledges by which she obligated herself, will stand.

8 But if her husband forbids her when he hears about it, he nullifies the vow that obli-

G1. By holding his peace, the woman's father shows that he approves of her vows.

G2. By not allowing or consenting to her vows.

G1. For she is in subjection to her husband, and can do nothing without his consent.

a. The King James version reads: Every vow, and every binding oath to humble herself.

G2. Yahweh commanded this in Numbers 25:17. To Yahweh, anything injuriously done against His people is something that is injuriously done against Him.

G3. The false prophet who gave false counsel to the children of Israyl, causing them to offend Yahweh. R1. Balaam sought to be a false tongue to the children of Israyl. He was therefore put to death for this crime.

gates her, or the rash promise by which she has obligated herself, and <sup>G1</sup>Yahweh will release her.

9 But any vow or pledge taken by a widow or divorced woman will be binding upon her.

10 If a woman living with her husband makes a vow, or obligates herself by a pledge under oath,

11 And her husband hears about it but says nothing to her and does not forbid her, then all her vows or the pledges she has obligated herself to, will stand.

12 But if her husband nullifies them when he hears about them, then none of the vows or pledges that came from her mouth will stand. Her husband has forbidden them, and Yahweh will release her.

13 <sup>a</sup>Her husband may confirm her vow, or her husband may make it void.

14 But if her husband says nothing to her about it from day to day, then he confirms all her vows or the pledges binding upon her. He has confirmed them by saying nothing to her when he hears about them.

15 If he, however, nullifies them some time after he hears about them, then he is responsible for her guilt.

16 These are the statutes Yahweh gave Mosheh concerning relationships between a man and his wife, and between a father and his young daughter still living in his house.

## CHAP. 31

**Y**ahweh spoke to Mosheh, saying:

2 Take vengeance for the children of Israyl upon the Midianites. After that, you will be gathered to your people.

3 So Mosheh spoke to the people, saying: Arm some of your men for war, and let them go against the Midianites to take vengeance for Yahweh <sup>G2</sup>upon Midian.

4 Send into battle a thousand men from each of the tribes of Israyl.

5 So twelve thousand men armed themselves for battle, recruited from the clans of Israyl; one thousand men from each tribe.

6 Then Mosheh sent them to war, a thousand from each tribe, along with Phinehas son of Eleazar, the priest, who took with him the holy articles, and the signal trumpets in his hand.

7 And they fought against the Midianites, just as Yahweh commanded Mosheh, and they killed all the males.

8 They killed the kings of Midian, namely: Evi, Rekem, Zur, Hur, and Reba—the five kings of Midian. They also killed <sup>G3</sup>Balaam son of Beor <sup>R1</sup>with the sword.

9 The children of Israyl took all the women and children of Midian as captives, along with

the spoil of their cattle, flocks, and possessions.

10 They burned all the towns where the Midianites had settled, and put their fortifications to the fire.

11 They took all the spoil and all the plunder, both of man and beast.

12 Then they brought the captives, the plunder, and the spoil to Mosheh, to Eleazar the priest, and to the camp of the congregation of the children of Israyl, on the plains of Moab, by the Yarden across from Yericho.

13 And Mosheh, Eleazar the priest, and all the leaders of the congregation, went to meet them outside the camp.

14 But Mosheh was angry with the officers of the army—the captains of thousands and the captains of hundreds, who returned from the battle.

15 Mosheh said to them; Have you kept all the women alive?

16 It was these women, through the counsel of Balaam, who caused the children of Israyl to trespass against Yahweh <sup>G4</sup>in the incident of Peor, causing a plague among the congregation of Yahweh.

17 Now therefore, kill <sup>G5</sup>every little boy, and kill every woman who has slept with a man.

18 But save for yourselves every girl who has never slept with a man.

19 All of you who have killed anyone or touched anyone who was killed, must stay outside the camp seven days. On the third day and on the seventh day you must purify yourselves and your captives.

20 Purify every garment, everything made of leather, everything woven of goat hair, and everything made of wood.

21 Then Eleazar the priest said to the men who had gone into the battle; This is the ordinance of the Law Yahweh has commanded to Mosheh:

22 The gold, silver, bronze, iron, tin, and lead,

23 Everything that can endure fire, you must put them through the fire, and they will be clean, then it shall also be purified with the water of purification. But all that cannot endure fire, must be put through that water.

24 And you shall wash your clothes <sup>b</sup>after the seventh day and be clean, and afterward you may come into the camp.

25 Yahweh spoke to Mosheh, saying:

26 Take a count of all the plunder taken, of man and beast. You, and Eleazar the priest, and the chief fathers of the congregation are to count it.

27 Divide the plunder into two parts: Between those who took part in the battle, and between the congregation.

28 From those who fought in the battle, set

G4. For worshipping Baal-Peor.

G5. That is; All male children.

b. Hebrew *beth*. Traditionally translated on. *A Hebrew and English Lexicon of the Old Testament* by Brown, Driver, and Briggs, Page 91, shows this word is correctly translated after.

G1. These are of the plunder that fell to the army.

apart as tribute for Yahweh one out of every five hundred counted, <sup>G1</sup>of the persons, the cattle, the donkeys, and the sheep.

29 Take it from their half, and give it to Eleazar the priest as a heave offering to Yahweh.

30 And from the half divided to the children of Israyl, you shall take one of every fifty counted, drawn from the persons, the cattle, the donkeys, and the sheep, from all the livestock and give them to the Levites who keep charge and are responsible for the care of Yahweh's tabernacle; *The House of Yahweh*.

31 So Mosheh and Eleazar the priest did as Yahweh commanded Mosheh.

32 The plunder remaining from the spoils that the men of war took was 675,000 sheep,

33 72,000 cattle,

34 61,000 donkeys,

35 And 32,000 women who had never slept with a man.

36 The half portion for those who had gone out to battle was: 337,500 sheep.

37 Yahweh's tribute of these sheep was 675.

38 The cattle were 36,000, of which Yahweh's tribute was 72.

39 The donkeys were 30,500, of which Yahweh's tribute was 61.

40 The <sup>G2</sup>persons were 16,000, of which Yahweh's tribute was 32.

41 So Mosheh gave the tribute, Yahweh's heave offering, to Eleazar the priest, as Yahweh commanded Mosheh.

42 The half belonging to the children of Israyl, which Mosheh set apart from that of the men who went to war—

43 The half belonging to the congregation was 337,500 sheep,

44 36,000 cattle,

45 30,500 donkeys,

46 And 16,000 persons.

47 From the half belonging to the children of Israyl, Mosheh took one of every fifty counted, drawn from man and beast, and gave them to the Levites who kept charge and were responsible for the care of the tabernacle of Yahweh, as Yahweh commanded Mosheh.

48 Then the officers who were over the units of the army—the captains of thousands and the captains of hundreds, went to Mosheh,

49 And they said; Your servants have taken a count of the men who fought in the battle, who were under our command, and not a man of us is missing.

50 Therefore, we have brought as an offering to Yahweh the gold articles each of us acquired—armlets, bracelets, signet rings, earrings, and necklaces, to make atonement for ourselves in front of Yahweh.

G2. These were the virgins who had been allowed to live.

51 Mosheh and Eleazar the priest accepted from them the gold; all the crafted ornaments.

52 All the gold from the captains of thousands and captains of hundreds, which was offered to Yahweh, weighed 16,750 shekels; *that is, about 450 pounds of gold*.

53 Each man who went to battle had taken spoil, every man for himself.

54 Mosheh and Eleazar the priest accepted the gold from the captains of thousands and of hundreds, and brought it into the Tent of Meeting as a <sup>G3</sup>memorial for the children of Israyl in front of Yahweh.

G3. That Yahweh would remember the children of Israyl.

## CHAP. 32

**T**he children of Reuben and the children of Gad had a great multitude of livestock. When they saw the land of Yazer and the land of Gilead was an excellent land for raising livestock,

2 The children of Gad and the children of Reuben came before Mosheh, and Eleazar the priest, and the leaders of the congregation, and said;

3 Ataroth, Dibon, Yazer, Nimrah, Heshbon, Elealeh, Shebam, Nebo, and Beon—

4 The land Yahweh subdued in front of the children of Israyl, is a land for raising livestock, and your servants have livestock.

5 They said; If we have found honor in your sight, let this land be given to your servants as a possession, and do not take us over the Yarden.

6 But Mosheh said to the children of Gad and to the children of Reuben; Shall your brothers go to war while you sit here?

7 Why do you discourage the children of Israyl from going over into the land Yahweh has given them?

8 This is what your fathers did when I sent them from Kadesh Barnea to spy out the land.

9 When they went up to the Valley of Eshcol; *Valley of the Cluster*, and saw the land, they discouraged the children of Israyl so much, they did not go into the land Yahweh had given them.

10 So Yahweh's anger burned on that day, and He vowed an oath, saying:

11 Surely none of the men who came up from Egypt, from twenty years old and above, shall see the land which I promised to Abraham, Isaac, and Yaaqob, because they have not wholeheartedly followed Me,

12 Except Caleb ben Yephunneh, the Kenizite, and Yahshua ben Nun, for they have wholeheartedly followed Yahweh.

13 So Yahweh's anger burned against Israyl, and He made them wander in the wilderness forty years, until all that generation which had done <sup>G4</sup>evil in Yahweh's sight was dead.

G4. Because they murmured, and would not believe the truth about the land.



14 Now look! You have come up in your fathers' place, a brood of sinners, to make Yahweh even more angry against Israyl!

15 If you turn away from following Him, He will once again leave them in this wilderness, and you will destroy all these people.

16 Then they came up to him and said; We will build sheepfolds for our livestock, and cities for our women and children,

17 But we ourselves will be armed and ready to go to battle for the children of Israyl, until we have brought them to their place, and our women and children will live in the fortified cities for protection from the inhabitants of the land.

18 We will not return to our homes until every one of the children of Israyl has received his inheritance.

19 We will not inherit with them on the other side of the Yordan and beyond, because our inheritance will have fallen on the east side of the Yordan.

20 Then Mosheh said to them; If you will do as you have said—if you will arm yourselves in front of Yahweh for battle,

21 And all your armed men will cross over the Yordan in front of Yahweh, staying until He has driven out His enemies from in front of Him,

22 Then when the land becomes subdued in front of Yahweh, you may then return and be blameless before Yahweh and before Israyl. Then this land will be your possession in front of Yahweh.

23 But if you do not do as you have said, then take note *of this warning*; You will have sinned against Yahweh, and *you may* be sure your sin <sup>G1</sup>will find you out.

24 Build cities for your women and children, build sheepfolds for your sheep, and do everything that has proceeded from your mouth.

25 The children of Gad and the children of Reuben then said to Mosheh; We, your servants, will do everything as you have commanded.

26 Our children, our wives, our flocks, and all our livestock will remain here in the cities of Gilead;

27 But we, your servants; every man armed for battle in front of Yahweh, will cross over, just as you have said.

28 Then Mosheh gave instructions concerning them to Eleazar the priest, to Yahshua ben Nun, and to the family heads of the tribes of the children of Israyl.

29 Mosheh instructed them; If the children of Gad and the children of Reuben cross over the Yordan with you, every one armed and ready for battle in front of Yahweh; when the land is subdued before you, then you shall give them the land of Gilead as a possession.

30 But if they do not cross over armed for battle with you, they shall have possessions among you in the land of Canaan.

31 Then the children of Gad and the children of Reuben answered; Everything Yahweh has said to your servants, that is what we will do.

32 We will cross over, armed in front of Yahweh, into the land of Canaan, but the possession of our inheritance will be on this side of the Yordan.

33 So Mosheh gave to the children of Gad, to the children of Reuben, and to the half tribe of Menasheh ben Yahseph, the kingdom of Sihon king of the Amorites and the kingdom of Og king of Bashan; the whole land with the cities within its boundaries, and the cities of the surrounding territory.

34 The children of Gad built up Dibon, Araroth, and Aroer,

35 Atroth, Shopan, Yazer, and Yogbehah,

36 Beth Nimrah, and Beth Haran—all as fortified cities, and they built sheepfolds for their sheep.

37 The children of Reuben built up Heshbon and Elealah and Kiryathiam,

38 Nebo and Baal Meon (<sup>R1</sup>changing their names) and Shibmah. They gave names to the cities they built up.

39 The children of Machir, of the half tribe of Menasheh, went to Gilead and captured it, and drove out the Amorites who were in it.

40 So Mosheh gave Gilead to Machir ben Menasheh, and he lived in it.

41 Yair ben Menasheh also captured their small towns, and called them Havoth Yair, *which means*, The Settlements of Yair.

42 And Nobah captured Kenath and its surrounding towns, and he called it Nobah, after his own name.

R1. Nebo and Baal-Meon were the names of gods (elohim), because the Ammonites named their cities after the gods (elohim) they revered. The tribe of Reuben therefore changed the names of these cities to other names.

## CHAP. 33

These are the journeys of the children of Israyl when they came out of Egypt by divisions under the leadership of Mosheh and Aaron.

2 Mosheh wrote down the starting points; *each place from which they went forth to proceed to another place*, of their journeys at the command of Yahweh. These are their stages at their points of beginning as they set out:

3 And they set out from Rameses in the First Moon, on the Fifteenth Day of the first Moon; on the <sup>1</sup>day after the Passover was sacrificed, the children of Israyl marched out boldly in the sight of all the Egyptians.

4 For the Egyptians were burying all their firstborn, whom Yahweh had killed among them. Also upon all the <sup>2</sup>gods (<sup>G2</sup>elohim) of Egypt

G2. The Egyptian gods (elohim) that Yahweh would wreak judgment upon were both their man-made gods (elohim, teraphim) and their human leaders, whom they revered as gods (elohim).

1. Verse 33:3—The Passover Lambs were killed on the Fourteenth Day of the First Moon, between around 3:00 in the afternoon and sunset. Exodus 12:47-49, Leviticus 23:5, Numbers 9:14. 2. Verse 33:4—In killing the firstborn of all living things in Egypt, man and beast, Yahweh smote the objects of Egyptian worship. Every god (el) in Egypt was represented by some beast.

G1. You shall most assuredly be punished for your sin.

Yahweh had executed judgments.

5 The children of Israyl set out from Ramesses, and encamped at Succoth.

6 They set out from Succoth and encamped at Etham, which is on the edge of the wilderness.

7 They set out from Etham, turned back to Pi Hahiroth which is east of Baal Zephon, and encamped near Migdol.

8 They set out from near Pi Hahiroth and walked through the middle of the sea on into the wilderness. They went three days' journey into the Wilderness of Etham and encamped at Marah.

9 They set out from Marah and came to Elim. At Elim were twelve springs of water and seventy palm trees; so they encamped there.

10 They set out from Elim and encamped by the Red Sea.

11 They set out from the Red Sea and encamped in the Wilderness of Sin.

12 They set out from the Wilderness of Sin and encamped at Dophkah.

13 They set out from Dophkah and encamped at Alush.

14 They set out from Alush and encamped at Rephidim, where there was no water for the people to drink.

15 They set out from Rephidim and encamped in the Wilderness of Sinai.

16 They set out from the Wilderness of Sinai and encamped at Kibroth Hattaavah.

17 They set out from Kibroth Hattaavah and encamped at Hazeroth.

18 They set out from Hazeroth and encamped at Rithmah.

19 They set out from Rithmah and encamped at Rimmon Perez.

20 They set out from Rimmon Perez and encamped at Libnah.

21 They set out from Libnah and encamped at Rissah.

22 They set out from Rissah and encamped at Kehelathah.

23 They set out from Kehelathah and encamped at Mount Shepher.

24 They set out from Mount Shepher and encamped at Haradah.

25 They set out from Haradah and encamped at Makheloth.

26 They set out from Makheloth and encamped at Tahath.

27 They set out from Tahath and encamped at Terah.

28 They set out from Terah and encamped at Mithkah.

29 They set out from Mithkah and encamped at Hashmonah.

30 They set out from Hashmonah and encamped at Moseroth.

31 They set out from Moseroth and encamped at Bene Yaakan.

32 They set out from Bene Yaakan and encamped at Hor Hagidgad.

33 They set out from Hor Hagidgad and encamped at Yotbathah.

34 They set out from Yotbathah and encamped at Abronah.

35 They set out from Abronah and encamped at Ezion Geber.

36 They set out from Ezion Geber and encamped at Kadesh, which is in the Wilderness of Zin.

37 They set out from Kadesh and encamped at Mount Hor, on the border of the land of Edom.

38 Then Aaron the priest went up to Mount Hor, at the command of Yahweh, and died there. *He died there* on the First Day of the Fifth Moon, in the Fortieth Year after the children of Israyl had come out of the land of Egypt.

39 Aaron was one hundred and twenty-three years old when he died on Mount Hor.

40 The Canaanite king of Arad, who lived in the Negev in the land of Canaan, heard the children of Israyl were coming.

41 So they set out from Mount Hor and encamped at Zalmonah.

42 They set out from Zalmonah and encamped at Punon.

43 They set out from Punon and encamped at Oboth.

44 They set out from Oboth and encamped at Iye Abarim, on the border of Moab.

45 They set out from Iye Abarim and encamped at Dibon Gad.

46 They set out from Dibon Gad and encamped at Almon Diblathaim.

47 They set out from Almon Diblathaim and encamped in the mountains of the Abirim range, in front of Nebo.

48 They set out from the mountains of the Abirim range and encamped in the plains of Moab, by the Yordan across from Yericho.

49 There they encamped by the Yordan, from Beth Yesimoth as far as Abel Shittim; *Abel Acacia Grove*, in the plains of Moab.

50 Yahweh spoke to Mosheh in the plains of Moab, by the Yordan across from Yericho, and said;

51 Speak to the children of Israyl, and tell them; When you have crossed the Yordan into the land of Canaan,

52 Drive out all the inhabitants of the land from in front of you. Destroy all their carved images, and cast images, and tear down and demolish all their high places; *the places where they worship their gods (elohim)*.

53 Take possession of the land and live in it, for I have given you the land to possess.

54 Distribute the land by lot for an inheritance, according to the clans of Israyl. To the larger tribe you shall give a larger inheritance,

and to the smaller tribe you shall give a smaller inheritance. Whatever falls to them by lot will be theirs. Divide it according to your ancestral tribes.

55 But if you do not drive out the inhabitants of the land from in front of you, then those whom you let remain shall be dirt in your eyes and thorns in your sides. They will be nothing but trouble to you in the land where you live.

56 Moreover, I will then do to you, as I had planned to do to them.

### CHAP. 34

**Y**ahweh spoke to Mosheh, saying:

2 Command the children of Israyl, and say to them; When you come into the land of Canaan, the land that shall fall by lots to you as an inheritance—your land shall have these boundaries—

3 Your SOUTHERN BORDER will include some of the Wilderness of Zin along the border of Edom. On the east, your southern border will start from the end of the Salt Sea; *the Dead Sea*,

4 Then cross south of the Ascent of Akrabim; *Scorpion Pass*, continue on to Zin and go south to Kadesh Barnea. Then it will go to Hazar Addar and over to Azmon,

5 Where it will turn, join the Wadi of Egypt and end at the *Mediterranean Sea*.

6 Your WESTERN BORDER will be the coast of the Great Sea; *the Mediterranean Sea*. This will be your border on the west.

7 For your NORTHERN BORDER, run a line from the Great Sea; *the Mediterranean Sea*.

8 To Mount Hor; from Mount Hor to the entrance of Hamath; go on to Zedad,

9 Continue to Ziphron, and end at Hazar Enan. This will be your border on the north.

10 For your EASTERN BORDER, run a line from Hazar Enan to Shepham.

11 Go down from Shepham to Riblah, on the east side of Ain, and continue along the slopes east of the Sea of Kinnereth; *the Sea of Galilee*.

12 Then go down along the Yordan and end at the Salt Sea; *the Dead Sea*. These borders shall be your borders, and the land therein shall be your land.

13 Mosheh commanded the children of Israyl, saying; This is the land you shall inherit by lot. Yahweh has commanded it be given to the nine tribes and to the half-tribe.

14 The tribe of the children of Reuben, the tribe of the children of Gad, and the half-tribe of Menasheh ben Yahseph have already received their inheritance.

15 The two tribes and the half-tribe have received their inheritance on this side of the

Yordan across from Yericho; east of the Yordan River, toward the sunrise.

16 Yahweh spoke to Mosheh, saying:

17 These are the names of the men who are to divide the land among you as an inheritance: Eleazar the priest and Yahshua ben Nun.

18 And you shall appoint one leader of every tribe to help divide the land for the inheritance.

19 These are the names of those men who were appointed: Caleb ben Yephunneh, the leader from the tribe of Yahdah;

20 Shemuel ben Ammihud, the leader from the tribe of Simeon;

21 Elidad ben Kison, the leader from the tribe of Benyamin;

22 Bukki ben Yoga, the leader from the tribe of Dan;

23 Hanniel ben Ephod, the leader from the tribe of Menasheh ben Yahseph;

24 Kemuel ben Shiphtan, the leader from the tribe of Ephraim ben Yahseph;

25 Elizaphan ben Parnach, the leader from the tribe of Zebulun;

26 Pattier ben Azzan, the leader from the tribe of Issachar;

27 Ahihud ben Shelomi, the leader from the tribe of Asher;

28 And Pedahel ben Ammihud, the leader from the tribe of Naphtali.

29 These are the men Yahweh commanded to divide the land inheritance among the children of Israyl in the land of Canaan.

### CHAP. 35

**Y**ahweh spoke to Mosheh in the plains of Moab, by the Yordan across from Yericho, saying:

2 Command the children of Israyl to give the <sup>G1</sup>Levites <sup>G2</sup>cities to live in, from the inheritance they will possess. Also give the Levites the common-land around these cities.

3 They shall have these cities to live in, and the open land around them shall be for their cattle, herds, and animals.

4 The open land around the cities you give the Levites will extend out from the walls of the city a thousand cubits in all directions; *that is, 1,500 feet*.

5 Outside the city, measure two thousand cubits on the east side, two thousand cubits on the south side, two thousand cubits on the west side, and two thousand cubits on the north side, with the city in the center. *This was a total area of 3,000 feet extending in all directions from the Levitical city. 1,500 feet was for open land to pasture cattle, and the remaining 1,500 feet was for fields and vineyards; all of this was the "common-land".* This shall belong to them as common-land for the cities.

6 Six of the cities you give to the Levites will

G1. Because they have no inheritance assigned them in the land of Canaan.

G2. Yahweh wanted the Levites scattered throughout the land so that they could lead the people to salvation through the teaching of obedience to Yahweh and His Laws.

be cities of refuge, to which a person who has killed someone may flee. In addition to these six cities, you shall add forty-two cities.

7 So all the cities you will give to the Levites will total forty-eight cities, along with the common-land commanded with them.

8 The cities you give the Levites, from the land the children of Israyl possess, are to be given in proportion to the inheritance of each tribe. From the larger tribes you shall give many cities, and from the smaller tribes you shall give fewer.

9 Yahweh spoke to Mosheh, saying:

10 Speak to the children of Israyl, and tell them; When you cross the Yordan into the land of Canaan,

11 Then appoint cities to serve as your cities of refuge, where a person who accidentally kills someone may flee.

12 They shall be cities of refuge from the blood-avenger, so that a person accused of murder may not die before he stands in judgment in front of the congregation.

13 Of all the cities you give, six shall be cities of refuge.

14 You shall appoint three cities on this side of the Yordan, and three cities in the land of Canaan to be cities of refuge.

15 These six cities shall be for refuge for the children of Israyl, for the stranger, and for the sojourner living among them, so that any person who accidentally kills another person may find refuge there.

16 However, if a man strikes someone with an iron object, so that he dies, he is a murderer. The murderer shall surely be put to death.

17 Or if anyone has a stone in his hand that could kill, and he strikes someone so that he dies, he is a murderer: the murderer shall surely be put to death.

18 Or if anyone has a wooden object in his hand which is used as a weapon, and he hits someone so that he dies, he is a murderer. The murderer shall surely be put to death.

19 The blood-avenger himself shall put the murderer to death. When he meets him, he shall put him to death.

20 If anyone with premeditated malice shoves another, or throws something at him intentionally, so that he dies,

21 Or in hatred he strikes him with his hand, so that he dies; the one who struck him shall surely be put to death, for he is a murderer. The blood-avenger shall put the murderer to death when he meets him.

22 But, if without hostility, someone suddenly shoves another, or unintentionally throws something at him,

23 Or without seeing him, drops a stone on him that could kill him, and he dies; then since he was not his enemy and he did not intend to harm him;

24 The congregation must judge between him and the blood-avenger according to these judgments.

25 *In these cases* the congregation must protect the one accused of murder from the hand of the blood-avenger, and send him back to the city of refuge to which he fled. He must stay there until the death of the <sup>G1</sup>High Priest who was anointed with the holy oil.

26 However, if the accused ever goes outside the limits of the city of refuge where he fled,

27 And the blood-avenger finds him outside the limits of his city of refuge, the blood-avenger may kill the accused and shall not himself be guilty of murder;

28 Because the accused must remain in his city of refuge until the death of the high priest. But after the death of the high priest the accused may then return to the land of his possession.

29 These judgments shall be a statute of judgment to you throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

30 Anyone who kills a person is to be put to death as a murderer only when there is testimony from *at least two or more* witnesses, but *the testimony of* only one witness is not sufficient to put a person to death.

31 You must take no ransom for the life of a murderer <sup>G2</sup>sentenced to death. He must surely be put to death.

32 You must not accept a ransom for anyone who has fled to his city of refuge, in order that he may return and live in his own land before the death of the priest.

33 You must not pollute the land where you are going. Blood defiles the land, and atonement cannot be made for the land on which blood has been shed, except by the blood of the one who shed it.

34 Therefore, do not defile and pollute the land you live on and where I dwell within your midst, for I, Yahweh, live among the children of Israyl.

## CHAP. 36

**T**he family heads of the clan of Gilean ben Makir, the son of Menasheh ben Yahseph, approached and spoke in front of Mosheh, and in front of the heads of the children of Israyl, saying:

2 When Yahweh commanded <sup>G3</sup>you to give the land as an inheritance to the children of Israyl, according to lot, He instructed you to give the inheritance of our brother Zelophehad to his daughters.

3 Now, if they become married to any of the sons of the other tribes of the children of Israyl, then their inheritance will be taken from the inheritance of our fathers, and it will be added to the inheritance of the tribe they marry into.

G1. This verse prophetically shows that Yahshua Messiah, as High Priest over the House of Yahweh, had to die for the sins of Yahweh's people. See Psalms 22:1-21, Isayah Chapter 53, Mattithyah 26:27-28, Yahchanan Mark 14:25, Luke 22:20, I Corinthians 11:25, and Hebrews 9:26.

G2. Who has purposely committed murder.

G3. That is; Mosheh.

And so part of the inheritance allotted to us will be taken away.

4 Then when the Jubilee of the children of Israyl comes, their inheritance will be added to the inheritance of the tribe into which they marry, and their property will be taken from the tribal inheritance of our forefathers.

5 Then Mosheh commanded the children of Israyl, according to the Law of Yahweh, saying; The tribe of the sons of Yahseph speaks <sup>G1</sup>the truth.

6 This is what Yahweh commands for the daughters of Zelophehad: Let them marry whom they please as long as they marry within the tribal clan of their father.

7 No inheritance in Israyl is to pass from tribe to tribe, for every one of the children of Israyl shall keep the tribal land inheritance of his father's tribe.

8 And every daughter who possesses an inher-

itance in any tribe of the children of Israyl shall be the wife of one who belongs to her father's tribal clan. In this way, the children of Israyl each may possess the inheritance of his fathers,

9 And no inheritance shall change hands from one tribe to another. Every tribe shall then keep its own inheritance.

10 Just as Yahweh commanded Mosheh, so the daughters of Zelophehad did:

11 Mahlah, Tirzah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Noah married their cousins on their father's side.

12 They married within the clans of the descendants of Menasheh ben Yahseph, and their inheritance remained in their father's clan and tribe.

13 These are the Laws and the judgments Yahweh commanded the children of Israyl through Mosheh in the plains of Moab, by the Yordan across from Yericho.

G1. For the tribe could not have continued if the inheritance would have been given to others.